

2020
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF BURKE, VERMONT



Sugarhouse Road
By Cathi Feeley

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2020

PLEASE HAVE THIS REPORT WITH YOU FOR THE ZOOM
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Information for zoom meeting located on
back of cover

Topic: Informational Town Meeting

Time: Mar 1, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Burke's Town Report is Dedicated to YOU

The people of the Town of Burke!

2020 - the Year of COVID-19 - has been different from any other year in our history, yet you have shown amazing flexibility, patience, kindness, care & concern:

- *Parents became teachers.*
- *People worked from home when possible.*
- *Students became online learners and Teachers became online teachers.*
- *Families learned to Zoom to be together.*
- *Stores implemented safety measures, added curbside pickup and delivery.*
- *Nurses, doctors, hospitals worked tirelessly.*
- *People kept our numbers low by following CDC guidance of wearing masks, washing hands, staying home.*
- *People looked out for their neighbors.*

For as hard as 2020 was, there were positives:

- *Families spent more time together.*
- *People discovered nature again.*
- *People ate more take-out to help local restaurants.*
- *People stepped up by donating more food to food shelves.*
- *Burke 3rd & 4th grade students mailed 413 cards of cheer to people all over the world.*

YOU make Burke a great place to live!! Thank you for all you do!

**TOWN OF BURKE WARNING
TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021**

The legal voters of the Town of Burke are hereby warned and notified to meet, VIA ZOOM (Meeting ID : 988 7642 4772) (Passcode: 278090) Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Building at 212 School Street, West Burke, for an Informational Meeting to discuss articles to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. **AUSTRALIAN BALLOT (ARTICLES 1 - 25). VOTING WILL BE IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE 212 SCHOOL STREET, WEST BURKE FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. ALL ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.**

Australian Ballot - Articles 1 - 25 - Polls will be open Tuesday, March 2, 2021 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. in the Community Building at Town Clerk's Office at 212 School Street, West Burke.

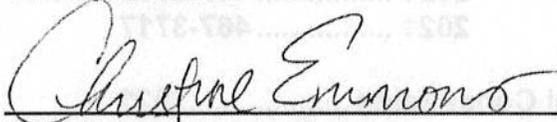
**TOWN OF BURKE ANNUAL MEETING
March 2, 2021**

- Article 1.** Shall the voters of Burke accept the Town Report?
- Article 2.** Shall the voters of Burke authorize the Selectboard to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law and if so, to establish Friday, November 5, 2021 by 4:00 p.m. as the due date?
- Article 3.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues?
- Article 4.** Shall the Town of Burke permit the operation of licensed cannabis retailers and integrated licensees, subject to such conditions as may be implemented pursuant to 2020 Act No. 164., an act relating to the regulation of cannabis, § 863?
- Article 5.** Shall the voters of Burke establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on all town roads?
- Article 6.** To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law? (Australian Ballot)
- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Moderator | <input type="checkbox"/> Selectperson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Clerk | <input type="checkbox"/> Town Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent Tax Collector | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee of Public Funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor | <input type="checkbox"/> Agent to Convey Real Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constable | |
- Article 7.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to accept the proposed 2021 Town Budget of \$2,110,479.00, for the ensuing year to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate to provide the same?

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- Article 24. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 to the RCT (Rural Community Transportation, Inc.)?
- Article 25. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, families seeking childcare and childcare providers?
- Article 26. To transact any other nonbinding business that may legally come before said meeting.

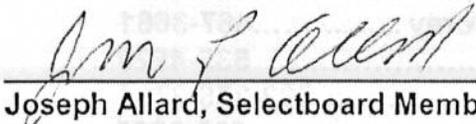
Selectboard for the
Town of Burke



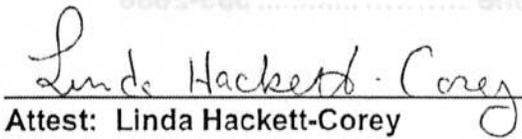
Christine Emmons, Chairman



Ford Hubbard, Selectboard Member



Joseph Allard, Selectboard Member



Attest: Linda Hackett-Corey
Town Clerk

January 31, 2021

**BURKE
TOWN OFFICERS**

ELECTED		TERM ENDS	PHONE
Town Clerk	Linda Hackett-Corey	2021	467-3717
Treasurer	Cathi Feeley	2021	467-3717
Delinquent Tax Collector	Cathi Feeley	2021.....	467-3717
Trustee of Public Funds	Cathi Feeley	2021.....	467-3717
Moderator	Jennifer Barone	2021	535-2668
Select Board	Christine Emmons	2021	535-7595
	Ford Hubbard	2022	626-9719
	Joseph Allard	2023	535-4520
Auditors	Gail Weed	2021	467-3416
	Vacant	2022	
	Tracie Surridge	2023.....	467-9823
First Constable	Will Garfield (Appointed May 4, 2020)	2021-----	745-7964
Town Agent	Cathi Feeley	2021	467-3717
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Select Board	2021	467-3717
Assessors	New England Municipal Consultants	2021	
	Bill Krajeski – Owner		
	Jack Berube – Assistant	467-3717

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Assistant Town Clerk	Cathi Feeley	535-2665
Assistant Town Treasurer	Linda Hackett-Corey	467-3661
Health Officer	Joe Allard.....	535-4520
Town Administrator	Mike Harris.....	802-376-3706
(CUD) NEK Community Broadband	Todd Vendituoli.....	535-9595
	Jennifer Barone	535-2668

PLANNING COMMISSION	TERM ENDS	PHONE NUMBER
Sean Montague	2022	473-9798
Valerie Desmarais/Secretary	2022	274-1553
Keith Clark	2022	467-1042
Todd Vendituoli	2023	535-9595
Carol Krochak	2023	467-3158
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB)		
Rodney Machell, Chair	2021	467-8828
Ed Guest	2023	626-4143
Scott Chappell	2022	626-3165
Eleanor Kenworthy	2021	238-7249
Frank Cuccia	2022	508-367-8865
James Bentley	2023	626-5152
Nikki Peters	2023	473-2690
Secretary – Linda Corey		
BURKE CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Joan Harlowe	2021	467-3701
Kevin Mack	2021	535-5855
Chris Manges	2021	467-1109
Cathie Wheeler	2021	626-5029
Elise Lawson	2021	603-444-9806
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR		
Mike Harris	2022	802-376-3706
CEMETERY SEXTON		
Marcia Hackett	2021	467-8316
Ricky Hackett		
Ricky Hackett Jr		
Animal Control Office		
Candace Dane		535-7109
Fence Viewers		
Tom Blake	2021	467-3349
George Wagner Sr.	2021	467-1122
Tree Warden		
Garrett Paquette	2021	626-1136
Fire Warden		
Wayne Greer	2024	626-5484

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Term Begins February 1, 2021

Republican elected at General Election

Susan Carr 802-626-8608
John Kascenska 802-274-4112

Independent elected at General Election

Kathleen Feeley 802-535-2665
Joel Gilbert 802-626-4565
William David Hammond 617-823-8162
Joan Harlowe 802-467-3701
Christian Bradley Hubbs 802-299-6041

These terms will expire January 31, 2023

FEDERAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES

State Governor Philip Scott - Phone: 802-828-3333
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Senator_leahy@leahy.senate.gov or Phone: 800-642-3193

Bernard “Bernie” Sanders
<http://www.sanders.senate.gov/contact/comments>
Phone: 800-339-9834

Representative to Congress - Peter Welch
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Caledonia-Essex District Representatives

Marty Feltus - Burke – Caledonia (4)
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Patrick Seymour – Lyndon -- Caledonia (4)
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2021 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

Because the reports from organizations asking for appropriations cover many pages they have been condensed. There is a short description of what the organization does for the people of Burke and, if the information is available, the number of people that have received help. There will be a representative from some of the organizations at the Informational Meeting. Summaries are in the order of articles asking for money. Every taxpayer who is interested in how their money is spent should take the time to look at the financial statements of those asking for tax dollars. The complete reports are available and certainly would give the taxpayer an indication of the amount of money spent on different aspects of health care, recreation, education, and development in the area. These full reports are at the Town Clerk's Office and are available for your inspection Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Because the fire departments and Lyndon Rescue depend heavily on the Town for funds the full reports are printed as submitted.

ARTICLE 7. - East Burke Fire Brigade – Request - \$20,000.00. This request is the same as last year. Please see full report elsewhere in the Town Report pages 17 & 18.

ARTICLE 8. - West Burke Fire Department – Request - \$20,000. 00. This request is the same as last year. Please see full report elsewhere in the Town Report pages 19 & 20.

ARTICLE 9. - Lyndon Rescue Squad - Request - \$73,977.08. This request is an increase of \$20.94 from last year. Please see full report elsewhere in the Town Report page 21.

ARTICLE 10. – Caledonia Home Health Care – Request - \$2,250.00

This request is the same as last year. Caledonia Home Health made 2172 visits in 88 homes in Burke during 2020, which includes Home Care (therapy, nursing, MSW) visits (1,261), Maternal Child Health (32); Hospice (152); Long Term Care (727).

ARTICLE 11. - Catamount Arts - Request - \$500.00

This request is the same as last year. Catamount Arts had to close the doors to our building, but the Catamount staff brainstormed night and day via Zoom, email and text message to keep art in the lives of our community. Kingdom COVID Chronicles, SOCAPA's 72 hour international Family Film Slam. The Drive-in to Stay Safe Music and Movies Series. Your appropriations helped to underwrite the costs of these presentations as well as help Catamount pay for such general operating expenses as heating and electricity.

ARTICLE 12. - Cobleigh Public Library – Request - \$1,200.00

This request is the same as last year. It will help continue the Library's many programs and services for all area towns. The Cobleigh Public Library in Lyndon is committed to serving individuals and families with free library services. The Library has long served the residents of all towns in the area and does not charge for library cards, use of the library services or attendance at programs. There are 1045 library card holders from Burke.

ARTICLE 13. – Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium – Request - \$1,571.00

This request is the same as last year. The amount is based on \$1.00 per resident with all Burke residents receiving unlimited general admission to the museum for free. The money is used for the care of the historic building, for maintenance and exhibition of the most extraordinary educational collections of northern New England, and for meeting in part the costs of their services and programs for the region and its visitors.

ARTICLE 14. – H.O.P.E. - Request - \$500.00

This request is the same as last year. H.O.P.E. is a private, non-profit agency, whose mission is to provide basic services to people in our community in a respectful and compassionate manner. They help families and individuals with life's basic needs like clothing, food, household goods and so much more. H.O.P.E. served approximately 363 residents (youth and adults) from Burke in 2020 (281 backpacks of food for children of BTS, 31 families and individuals at the emergency food shelf, 28 child clothing vouchers, 1 adult clothing voucher and 1 emergency houseware package).

ARTICLE 15. – Kingdom Animal Shelter - Request - \$500.00

This request is the same as last year. Kingdom Animal Shelter is located in St. Johnsbury Center, but serves many surrounding communities. The all-volunteer, no-kill, non-profit 501(c)3 is asking for financial support to continue its mission of caring for stray and unwanted cats until they can be adopted by desirable homes. In addition to maintaining the shelter and providing as-needed veterinary services, they work to raise awareness of the importance of spay/neuter programs to reduce pet overpopulation.

ARTICLE 16. - Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball. - Request - \$750.00

This request is the same as previous years. Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball (LYBS) is run by an all-volunteer Board of Directors and 150 individual volunteers. The program entertains over 400 area youth from ages 4 to 16 (48 from Burke in 2020), during the late spring and early summer months. The appropriation from the Town of Burke will help with maintenance and upkeep of Fisher Field.

ARTICLE 17. – Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging (Formerly Area Agency on Aging) Request - \$1,000.00.

This request is the same as last year. To assist the Agency in providing services to senior citizens in the ensuing year. The Agency serves many homes which include Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family care givers. Delivered 207,546 meals in 2020 – an increase of 79,462 meals.

ARTICLE 18. – Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. - Request \$1,650.00

This request is the same as last year. This request is to help in assisting with providing mental health and developmental services to adults and children; substance abuse services to adolescents and adults; and 24-hour crisis intervention to the general public. 109 Burke residents were served in 2020. NKHS employs 26 citizens from the Town of Burke.

ARTICLE 19. - Northeast Kingdom Learning Services - Request - \$1,000.00

This request is the same as last year. For almost 50 years, NEKLS has been serving the residents of Caledonia, Orleans and Essex Counties. Adult education, job skills, transitional support, supplemental education services, early education and family services are some of the many programs that are available to the residents of the area.

ARTICLE 20 - Northeast Kingdom Youth Services - Request - \$750.00

This request is the same as last year. Northeast Kingdom Youth Services (NEKYS) is available to teens and their families twenty-four hours a day every day. NEKYS has provided crisis intervention and outreach programs to families for 44 years. Programs include shelter, Court Diversion of Caledonia and Essex Counties, a Parent Support group, Transitional Living, and Independent Living, as well as Outreach to Schools and communities. NEKYS Staff is committed to helping teens become productive members of the community.

ARTICLE 21. — NorthWoods Stewardship Center – Request \$750.00

This request is the same as last year. NorthWoods is a non-profit conservation and education organization located in East Charleston. NorthWoods education staff facilitates programming with Burke Town School throughout the year and offers camp scholarships to students.

ARTICLE 22. — Powers Park/Village Improvement. Request \$1,000.00

This request is the same as last year. Your appropriation will help to maintain the Park and offer many free events.

ARTICLE 23. —Rural Community Transportation (RCT) - Request—\$1,750.00

This request is the same as last year. RCT is a non-profit corporation providing transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled through a volunteer service. RCT provided 38 Burke residents with 3,227 trips traveling 76,178 mile at a cost of \$55,428.

ARTICLE 24. — Umbrella—Request—\$1,200.00

This is the same request as last year. Umbrella, Inc. serves victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, families seeking child care and child care providers. Umbrella served at least 46 Burke households in 2020, an increase of 38 households from 2019.

****There are 18 requests for appropriations for 2021 for a total of \$130,348.08

The Town of Burke is asked annually to contribute to the Hand-to-Hand program.



HAND TO HAND

This year Hand to Hand assisted several families from the Towns of Burke, East Haven, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock providing food baskets, with turkeys, and gifts for family members. The Town of Burke contributes \$600.00 to the Hand to Hand Fund each year.

The Town of Burke would like to thank coordinators Lynn Welch, Kelly Deth, and Andrea Stauffeneker. Along with their many helpers for volunteering to make this program a success. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the people of Burke.

****NOTE: *The Board of Selectmen have decided that anyone who submits requests for an appropriation will not have to get signatures on a petition if the appropriation is the same as it was approved for the prior year. If you decide to increase your request, you will be required to submit a petition containing signatures of 5% of the LEGAL voters of the Town of Burke. All new requests will require a petition.*

You will still be required to submit a letter of request and a financial statement each year.

TOWN OF BURKE
TOWN INFORMATIONAL MEETING MINUTES AND AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS
MARCH 2 AND 3, 2020

The residents of the Town of Burke met in the Community Building on March 2, 2020 for an informational meeting on the following Australian ballot articles. The meeting was moderated by Jennifer Barone who opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for those we have lost during the year. The audience then heard from our two Town Legislators, Marty Feltus and Patrick Seymour and Senator, Joe Benning who gave updates on what is going on in Montpelier.

Jennifer Barone, Moderator opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She then explained to the audience how the meeting would be run.

- Article 1.** Shall the voters of Burke accept the Town Report? Yes – 442 - NO – 5
Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted - 15 – TOTAL 462
- Article 2.** Shall the voters of Burke Authorize Selectboard to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law and if so, to establish Friday, November 6, 2020.
Yes – 442 - NO – 5 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 15 – TOTAL 462
- Article 3.** Shall the voters of Burke vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues? Yes – 380 - NO – 58 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 24 – TOTAL 462
- Article 4.** Shall the Town of Burke enter into a Communications Union District (CUD) To be known as NEK Community Broadband, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch82?
Yes – 381 - NO -50 Overvoted –1 - Undervoted – 30 – TOTAL 462
- Article 5.** To elect all necessary Town Officers as required by law?
- MODERATOR - Jennifer Barone – 407 – Write-in – 2 – Overvoted – 0
Undervoted – 53- Total -462
- SELECT-BOARD – Joseph Allard–397- Write-in 8- Overvoted – 0
- Undervoted – 57-Total - 462
- TOWN CLERK –Linda Hackett-Corey 368- Robin Letourneau -40- Write-in-2 –
Overvoted- 6- Blank 46- Total 462
- TOWN TREASURER –Kathleen Feeley-426- Write-in-3 Overvoted- 0 Undervoted-
33- Total-462
- DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR- Kathleen Feeley-424- Write-in-0 Overvoted- 0
Undervoted-38- Total-462
- AUDITOR – Write-in Tracie Surridge – 45- Write-in 18 Overvoted – 0 Undervoted
– 399-- Total – 462

TOWN AGENT- Write-In-26- Overvoted – 0 Undervoted 436- Total 462

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS- Kathleen Feeley-414-Write-in-4 Overvoted- 0 Undervoted-44- Total-462

CONSTABLE – 1 Year – 40 write-ins – Overvoted – 0- Undervoted – 422 – Total – 462

Town Agent – 1 year – write-in 26 – Overvoted – 0 Undervoted – 436 – Total 462

AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE – 1 YEAR TERM – Selectboard – 242 – Write-In -3 Overvoted - 1 – Undervoted –216- Total 462

Article 6. Shall the voters of Burke vote to accept the proposed 2020 Town Budget of \$1,993,823.08, for the ensuing year to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate to provide the same? Yes – 394 - NO -37 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 30 – TOTAL 462

Article 7. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to the East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade? Yes – 428 - NO -12 - Overvoted – 1 - Undervoted – 21 – TOTAL 462

Article 8. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to the West Burke Volunteer Fire Department? Yes – 423 - NO – 12 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 27 – TOTAL 462

Article 9. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$73,956.14 to Lyndon Rescue, Inc.? Yes – 392 - NO – 42 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 28 – TOTAL 462

Article 10. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,250.00 to help support the services of Caledonia Home Health Care? Yes – 404 - NO – 28 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 30– TOTAL 462

Article 11. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the services of Catamount Arts? Yes – 348- NO –87 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted –27 – TOTAL 462

Article 12. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to the Cobleigh Public Library? Yes – 383 - NO – 53 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted –26 – TOTAL 462

Article 13. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,571.00 for the operation of the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium during the ensuing year, in exchange for free unlimited general admission to the Museum for all Burke Residents? Yes -402– NO –35 - Overvoted – 1 - Undervoted – 24 – TOTAL 462

- Article 14. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to H.O.P.E. (Helping People Every day)? Yes – 379 - NO –55 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 28 – TOTAL 462
- Article 15. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to Kingdom Animal Shelter? Yes – 376 - NO –56 - Overvoted –1 - Undervoted – 29 – TOTAL 462
- Article 16. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Lyndon Youth Baseball & Softball? Yes – 339 - NO – 85 - Overvoted – 1- Undervoted – 37 – TOTAL 462
- Article 17. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging (formerly Area on Aging)? Yes – 392 - NO – 38 - Overvoted – 1 - Undervoted – 31 – TOTAL 462
- Article 18. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.? Yes – 347 - NO – 79 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 36 – TOTAL 462
- Article 19. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.? Yes – 342 - NO – 83 - Overvoted – 2 - Undervoted – 35 – TOTAL 462
- Article 20. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the Northeast Kingdom Youth Services? Yes – 362 - NO – 65- Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 36 – TOTAL 462
- Article 21. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to the NorthWoods Stewardship Center? Yes – 340 - NO –92 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted –30 – TOTAL 462
- Article 22. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to Powers Park/Village Improvement Society? Yes – 348 - NO – 80 - Overvoted – 0 - Undervoted – 34 – TOTAL 462
- Article 23. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 to the RCT (Rural Community Transportation, Inc.)? Yes –377 - NO – 51 - Overvoted –1 - Undervoted – 33 – TOTAL 462
- Article 24. Shall the voters of Burke vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to Umbrella, Inc. to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children, families seeking childcare and childcare providers? Yes – 374 - NO – 57 - Overvoted – Undervoted –31 – TOTAL 462

TOWN OF BURKE
TOWN CHARTER GRANTED - FEBRUARY 26, 1782
FYI

Pursuant to Federal Regulations 51.55(e)(k)(6) the Town of Burke does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission to, or treatment of employment in its programs or activities.

The Burke Board of Selectmen is hereafter-designated Coordinator of Burke's Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICES
MONDAY – FRIDAY - 8:00 A.M. 'TIL 4:00 P.M.
DUE TO COVID, ALL MEETINGS ARE BY ZOOM

The Selectboard meets the first Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Offices – 212 School Street, West Burke. If you wish to be put on the agenda, please call the Town Clerk by the Friday prior to the meeting.

The Burke Conservation Commission (BCC) meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Burke Town Clerk's Office.

The Development Review Board (DRB) meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Offices – 212 School Street, West Burke.

The Planning Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Offices – 212 School Street, West Burke. If you wish to be put on the agenda, please call.

Assessor's Office – Hours for public viewing of records – Monday and Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Curbside Rubbish Pickup – The west side of Town (West Burke) is picked up on Tuesdays and the east side of Town (East Burke) is picked up Wednesdays, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Please be sure to have proper stickers visible for the attendants, or they will not pick up your rubbish. Keep rubbish in a proper container so that animals will not get into it. Rubbish Bags and stickers are \$3.00 each. You can purchase them at the Burke Town Office, East Burke Market, Aldrich's General, Mikes Redemption and Northeast Kingdom Country Store.

Recycle Hours – Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. until noon. You may not leave any recyclable materials without an attendant present.

Curbside Recycle Pick-up - Recyclables are picked up in East Burke and West Burke on alternating Thursdays, so mark your calendar. You must sort your recycle materials for the drivers. Also you must be sure that the materials are clean. You may pick up a schedule at the Town Office. The curbside pickup schedule is also published elsewhere in this Town Report, check the table of contents.

FYI (Continued)

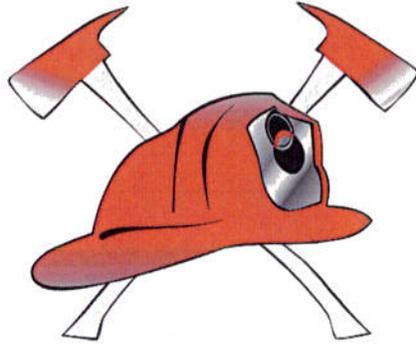
Bulky Item Drop-Off – Third Saturday of each month beginning in May from 8:00 a.m. until Noon, by appointment **ONLY**. **NEW for 2021** – there will be a \$35.00 charge for bulky day. *This fee will be collected when you make your bulky appointment and is non-refundable if you do not show up.* You may not drop off any items without an attendant present. **NO RUBBISH BAGS**. We will not be scheduling this service during the winter months.

Household Hazardous Waste Days are scheduled four times during the year. Please look for the dates printed in the Hazardous Waste section further on in this Town Report.

Voter Registration – Same Day Voter Registration went into effect in the State of Vermont in 2017. All persons wishing to participate in Town elections may register to vote on the Vermont Secretary of State’s “My Voter Page” (mvp.sec.state.vt.us) before the election, at the Town Clerk’s Office or at the polling place on the day of the election.

Population for the Town of Burke 2010	1,753
Registered voters as of 12/31/2020	1,229
Acres in the Town of Burke.....	19,115
Total Number of Parcels	1,252
Latitude	44.60157°N
Longitude.....	-71.97179°E
Burke Town Roads	Miles
CLASS II.....	17.46
CLASS III.....	33.84
CLASS IV	5.36
STATE HIGHWAYS	9.99
Total miles in the Town of Burke.....	66.65





East Burke Volunteer Fire Brigade Report for the Year 2020

Oh what a year it has been!!! The Brigade responded to fifty three, 911 calls this year. Remote rescues for Kingdom Trails were way down to just one call this year. Our remote rescue didn't sit idle for long. We had a rescue at the Old Radar towers on East Haven Mountain. We helped in the search and luckily, rescue of a man in Granby. We also rescued a para-glider from a tree on Burke Mountain. This year was a busy one for auto crashes with 9 calls. We had 18 calls for mutual aid to surrounding towns.

We continue to cover the town of East Haven and receive an appropriation from them to cover the costs. We also cover the town of Granby on a per call basis.

We are requesting an appropriation of \$20,000.00 to keep the Brigade running smoothly.

Thanks for your continued support.

Brian Greer, Chief



The WEST BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT is requesting an appropriation of \$20,000.00 for 2021 to support our annual operating expenses. Equipment and maintenance continue to be major expenses. We are always pleased and very thankful for all donations received throughout the year as this helps cover unexpected expenses that arise.

The WEST BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT has 15 active volunteer members, on call 24 hours, 7 days a week, serving the greater West Burke, Burke Hollow areas, and including the surrounding rural areas. Our Department is also available at any time for mutual aid requests from area towns.

We continue to work closely on mutual aid in association with the East Burke Fire Brigade. This has resulted in better responsive practice to have both departments responding to major fires in our towns.

For the Calendar Year 2020 West Burke Volunteer Fire Department responded 36 times to a variety of situations. We also participated in fire drills, fire prevention seminars, and education courses.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fire Chief

Tom Villeneuve



Assistant Chief

Tharon Faulkner

WEST BURKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

West Burke, VT

Report and Budget 2020

Beginning Checkbook Balance **\$118,132.77**

Income:

Town of Burke 2020 appropriation	20,000.00
Donations	408.50
Non-cash Donation-diesel fuel	223.87
Sale of truck	<u>10,000.00</u>

2020 Total Income **\$30,632.37**

Total Funds Available **\$148,765.14**

Expenses:

Electricity	973.69
Heating Fuel	1,182.40
Diesel-Fuel	223.87
Cell Telephone (new equipment & usage)	861.55
Equipment & gear	4,050.35
Parts and Supplies	819.53
Services (Repairs)	8,823.00
Spartan Pumper	82,000.00

Total 2020 Operating Expenses **\$98,934.39**

Ending Checkbook Balance **\$49,830.75**

2021 Proposed Budget

Electricity	1,200.00
Heating Fuel Oil	2,800.00
Fuel-diesel	2,000.00
Equipment Replacement & Maintenance	6,000.00
Cell Telephone	1,000.00
Training	200.00
Building Maintenance/Service	4,000.00

2021 Proposed Operating Budget **\$17,200.00**

Emergency 911

802.626.1101



* We Still Make House Calls *

2009 Vermont Ambulance Service of the Year

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January 1, 2021

Dear Residents of Burke,

Our calls for service decreased in 2020 which was common among ambulance services. We did receive funding from the CARES act and the State of Vermont to help offset the decrease in revenue due to the decrease in calls. January through March were very busy for us and by the end of March we had 86 more total calls compared to 2019 (a 29% increase) and transported 64 more people (a 36% increase). This busy start to the year lessened the impact of the decreased calls for the remainder of the year. We ended 2020 with a total of 1455 calls with 879 transported patients which is 60 more total calls than 2019. Most of them did not result in a transport that we would bill for though and there were 50 less transported people than in 2019.

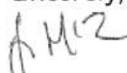
At the end of 2020 we paid off the loan on one of our ambulances and have put that payment towards our loan for our cardiac monitors in our 2021 budget. Our goal is to pay off all of our loans on the ambulances and cardiac monitors in the next five years.

In 2020 we held fewer CPR and First Aid classes due to COVID-19 and limits on in-person gatherings, but hopefully we can get started again soon in 2021. Car seat inspections with our child passenger safety technicians were also suspended for a few months for safety but were resumed at the end of the summer. Our nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians can inspect a child's current seat as well as provide new seats as needed.

Our 2020 budget has been approved by the Board of Directors. The per capita increased by \$0.01 from \$43.05 in 2020 to \$43.06 for 2021, an increase of 0.03%. The amount requested from your town is: \$73,977.08

Your representative on our Board of Directors is: Melynda Miller

On behalf of the crewmembers of Lyndon Rescue we thank you for your continued support of our organization and allowing us to serve the community.

Sincerely,


Jillian McLaughlin, NRP
Director of Operations

A Non-Profit Ambulance Company serving the communities of: Burke, East Haven, Granby, Kirby,
Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton and Wheelock



2020 Selectboard Annual Report

We look back on 2020 as a very difficult year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Our thoughts are with all those that have been affected. The Selectboard would like to acknowledge and thank the Town employees for their hard work, dedication and flexibility in keeping Town operations going during such challenging times. We have really amazing, dedicated employees that serve the Town, and we want to make sure that they are recognized- always- but especially this year.

This year the road crew shifted focus a bit, but was able to be very productive, concentrating on graveling and grading, roadside mowing, brush cutting and drainage work (culverts & ditching). School Street, a section of Darling Hill Road (the mansion to E. Darling intersection) and a section of Bugbee Crossing Rd in the Hollow were paved this year. Drainage, roadwork, brush cutting and paving were completed on Sugarhouse Rd. Bridge membrane repair and paving were completed on White School Rd. The new hydro-seeder has been put to good use, increasing efficiency in stabilization and erosion control.

We look forward to 2021 to bring the culmination of several important projects that have been a long time in the making:

The East Darling Hill Rd project: consultants have completed the design, obtained permits and created construction easements for the project and the Town worked to get those easements signed by landowners. An early bid package for culvert work at the top of the project was put out to bid and awarded to Winterset. Originally it was hoped that this work could be completed late fall/early winter but time and weather did not allow. The overall project consists of replacing cross culverts, rebuilding the road subbase, ditching and drainage work, widening the new paved area to include a 5 foot uphill bike lane,

as well as realigning the bottom intersection with Burke Hollow Rd to a "T" intersection. Previously, as part of the project, Kingdom Trails purchased land and constructed trails off Garden Drive. Project construction will start in the spring.

The Hayden Crossing Bridge project design work is complete, the project has been put out to bid and construction will take place this summer.

Flashing speed signs have been ordered and will finally be installed in East Burke Village in the spring. Many thanks to Kingdom Trails and Burke Mountain for contributing to the costs. If all goes well, we will begin the process for putting them up in West Burke village as well.

We have been looking at Town garage and salt shed plan layouts and are actively investigating parcels of land to potentially purchase to relocate the Town garage. Monies are budgeted for building up a reserve fund and grant opportunities will be explored.

The Town is working with Walker Rd residents to complete the process of upgrading the road to a Class III town highway. A plan has been agreed to, bids have been received and work on this project should also start this spring.

Mike Harris has been working to assist the Selectboard as part-time Town Administrator, which has been extremely helpful in conducting timely town business. This position is expected to be increased to full-time this year. Please look for his report for details on what he's been working on. As always, we invite residents to participate in Town boards, commissions, groups and their meetings and we thank you for your continued support in the successful operations of the Town of Burke. Please be safe and be well.

Respectfully,

Christine Emmons

Joe Allard

Ford Hubbard



Message from the Town Clerk's Office

For the year ending December 31, 2020

burke@burkevermont.org

www.burkevermont.org

I would like to start out by thanking the voters of Burke for voting Cathleen Feeley and myself into the Town Clerk & Treasurer positions.

Two weeks into our new positions, the Covid 19 Virus came to Vermont and we found ourselves learning the new rules & regulations that we needed to comply with in order to keep everyone safe.

That's when knocking on the side door & doing curbside service started. We did, and still do curbside for most everything that you need. We have sent out a lot of emails. At tax time you could see a line of people in the parking lot standing 6 FT apart, and waiting patiently. I issued 13 marriages licenses, with most of the paperwork being done outside, and also notarized mounds of papers using the hood of my car as the desk.

In 2020, we licensed 210 Dogs. This can be done by mail or we have a drop box by the front door for your convenience. We will need current rabies information along with a check. This needs to be done by April 1 each year.

We make appointments for the title researchers and lawyers to come in for research. They are scheduled one at a time, and sanitizing is done before and after each one.

Meetings are being done by using zoom. Mike Harris the Town Administrator has worked hard at getting the internet connection to work properly during the meetings. He also got the Hotspot hooked up for the public to access the internet in the parking lot.

We held three elections that went well, considering the social distancing, and the requirement to wear a mask. The State sent out the ballots for the November election, which was another change we all had to make. We are very fortunate to have a community building that has a lot of space and doors at each end, for one way in and one way out when people are voting.

This year's Town Informational Meeting will be via zoom on Monday March 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. The Australian Ballot voting will be held on Tuesday March 2, 2021 from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. We are suggesting that voters request an early absentee ballot. You can fill it out at home and on the day of the vote you may come and insert your ballot in to the tabulator machine to be counted. You may also return it early, in the envelope we have provided for you. This will save time on everyone's part, as the ballot is lengthy. Just as with the Primary and Presidential elections, we can only allow two people at a time inside to vote. Having your ballot filled out will save you from having to wait in line.

I would like to thank Gail Weed for coming in nights and weekends to keep up with the recording, which at times hasn't been easy. This year she recorded 2280 pages, plus processed 100 property transfers.

I would also like to thank the Burke Town School 7th & 8th graders for working hard on the Community Garden located behind the Town Clerks office that produced delicious vegetables for the meal site and for anyone else to enjoy.

My goal since COVID 19 began has been to keep up with the work and to meet the needs of the public the best way we can, while keeping everyone safe. I hope that 2021 will find things returning to normal.

Linda Hackett-Corey -Town Clerk

Cathleen Feeley-Treasurer



Community Garden



Town Administrator Report 2020

This past year I was hired by the Selectboard for a part-time position as Town Administrator. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and to help assist the Selectboard. As you can imagine, there are a lot of different parts to Town government. The Selectboard are the ones responsible for making the decisions that affect the Town's daily operations. There are many Boards and Committees that serve the Town of Burke to help make a better quality of life for the residents.

My role in all of this is to help facilitate communication, and assist the Selectboard and the various Boards and Committees, as well as the Highway Department, Town Office, Recycling, and Rubbish Departments.

The Town is very fortunate to have so many dedicated and thoughtful people that work for the Town, as well as serve on the variety of different Boards.

Some of the things that I have been working on this past year include putting together a contact list for real time notifications to residents for general important information or emergencies that may arise.

As is mentioned in the Selectboard report, there are several major projects that will be going on this year. I have been working with the Board in anticipation of them being done, and allowing the Town to have some oversight as these projects are progressing. I have also been working with the residents that are being affected by these projects so they have a contact point in case they have any concerns or would just like to have more information.

This past year we have started looking at the condition of the Town owned bridges to develop plans, and a schedule for preventative maintenance and repair work such as guardrails, removal of vegetation, and clearing brush away from the bridge approaches.

We are also working on an overall plan for all Town highways - a 5, 10, and 20 year maintenance schedule. Also included in this will be a paving schedule so we will have a tentative schedule for paving projects. This Plan will be helpful as we will look at more grant opportunities in the future to help pay for this work.

The Town Garage is another project that we are working on. As it has been evolving, I have been working with the Board to follow up on potential sites and working with different property owners. The

Board is trying to find the most appropriate site for the Town Garage that will have the least amount of impact on residential neighborhoods and the environment looking into the future.

The Rubbish Truck had some major maintenance work done on it this past year, and we will be keeping a close eye on it as we continue ahead. We are planning on replacing it within the next five years. Currently the Truck is 14 years old but is still in decent shape. After reviewing the Rubbish, and Recycling operations costs we are confident that the Town is providing a great Rubbish/ Recycling service that is operating efficiently and is cost effective.

Because of the Pandemic in 2020 and to give Board members more opportunities to be able to participate at their meetings, we have upgraded our internet capabilities at the Town office building for better connectivity for Zoom meetings. With the help from Jennifer Barone, we were able to obtain a grant for a Hotspot. This device, located at the Community Building parking area, will allow public access to the internet. Because of the remote learning requirements, the Selectboard felt that this would provide another safe access point for residents who are having difficulties accessing the internet.

Along with the Town Administrator position, I will continue with my Zoning Administrator duties. I enjoy doing this and it seems to fit in well with the Town Administrator position.

I will continue to work with and to provide support to the Planning Board as they work on a number of updates for the Town Plan and Town Zoning By-Laws.

I will also continue to work with and provide support to the Development Review Board to make the permitting process more efficient for both the Board and the applicants.

Thank You for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. This is something I truly enjoy doing, and I appreciate the support that I have received.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Harris

Burke Town Administrator

SERVICES OFFERED BY THE TOWN OF BURKE

The following is a list of services provided to the taxpayers and residents of the Town of Burke. If there is something that is not listed and you want to know about it, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Rubbish Removal - Curbside pickup is each Tuesday and Wednesday mornings beginning at 7:00 A.M. You are required to have an orange "B" sticker on your rubbish bags or to use a yellow 30 gallon "B" rubbish bag. These are sold in the area stores (East Burke Market, Northeast Kingdom Country Store in East Burke, Mike's Redemption, Aldrich's General Store, and The Town Clerk's Office in West Burke). The bags and the stickers are \$3.00 each. We will not pick up rubbish in barrels that are larger than thirty gallons or do not have handles.

Recycling Center - The Recycling Center is located at 214 School Street behind the Town Clerk's Office. The hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Curbside recycling pick up is every other Thursday. You will find a schedule for curbside pick further on in this report.

The following materials are accepted:

#1, #2, and #3 thru #7 plastics, mixed paper, boxboard, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, aluminum cans, tin cans, tinfoil pie plates, glass of all colors, bubble wrap, packing peanuts, air packs and electronics. Look for a more detailed listing of acceptable recycle material on pages further on in this Town Report. Also check our Website at www.burkevermont.org

Fund Raisers - Returnable bottles and cans are collected and given to various groups as fundraisers.

If someone needs something specific collected and saved, we try to accommodate them.

Composters — Available for sale in the Recycle Building. \$55 each

Bulky Waste Day – *New 2021 – there will be a \$35.00 Charge for Bulky Day.* Held every third Saturday of each month, from May to October, to give everyone the opportunity to get rid of big items such as beds, furniture, TV's, yard stuff. You must get an authorization slip from the Town Clerk's office. You are allowed to bring up to one pickup load of bulky items. In addition, the Town also accepts car batteries, rechargeable batteries, batteries from battery-operated tools, and florescent light bulbs. There is a \$25 charge for refrigerators and freezers. Air conditioners are \$25.00. Because it costs the Town to dispose of tires, there is a handling fee. Tires 16" - \$8.00, 19.5" - \$10.00, Bicycle tires - \$2.00 and tractor/trailer tires are \$20.00. In order to give everyone a chance to attend, the Selectboard has decided to limit the number of certificates to two per year per household. Used Oil can be dropped off at the Recycle Center or the Town Garage when they are open. Metal can be left at the dumpster at the Town Garage when they are open.

Haz-Mat Day – The Town of Burke will be partnering with the Town of St. Johnsbury to hold four Household Hazardous Waste Days in 2021 Two Collection days to be held in St. Johnsbury are scheduled for May 15, 2021 and September 25, 2021 Burke will host a HHW Day for both towns on July 17, 2021 and October 6, 2021. All collection days will be advertised in the Caledonian Record, on the Burke web page and posted in 5 or 6 places around Town.

DMV Motor Vehicle Renewals —The Town Clerk's Office renews vehicle registrations for a processing fee of \$3.00. You must have your current renewal form generated from the State of VT, or we can do the renewal on line with a credit card and drivers license number or plate number.

Fish and Wildlife Licenses – You may buy your fishing and hunting licenses during regular office hours.

Notary Public — There are two Notary Publics in the Town Office who can notarize your very important documents. This service is free to the public.



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board (DRB) meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Community Building 212 School Street West Burke VT. Mike Harris serves as the Zoning Administrator and we currently have 7 members- Rodney Machell (chairman) Frank Cuccia, Nikki Peters, Scott Chappell, Eleanor Kenworthy, James Bentley and Ed Guest.

In 2020 the DRB processed a total of 46 permits. The Zoning Administrator approved 29 building permits for single family homes, garages, additions, a mini barn and decks. There were also three road access permits approved by the Road Foreman and the Select Board.

The Development Review approved 14 permits such as lighting, extended hours for a restaurant, signs, curb cuts, short & long term rentals, accessory use and subdivisions.

As with most of the world, we were asked to change our meeting protocol to meet the Governor's mandate regarding Covid-19. We currently allow a maximum of 4 people to attend the meetings with the additional community & members participating via Zoom. Additional boosters have been added to the Internet to accommodate the increase in Zoom meetings and social distancing requirements. We welcome the time when we can get together again.

The Board welcomes and encourages residents to attend any meeting via zoom at any time. Just call the office and we can email you the information. The email for the office is burke@burkevermont.org. and the Phone number 802-467-3717.

DRB Clerk

Linda Hackett-Corey



firesafety.vermont.gov

STATE BUILDING PERMITS

WHEN ARE THEY REQUIRED AND HOW TO OBTAIN THEM

The owner, or a designated representative, of a building or premises shall obtain a state construction permit before beginning any new construction, addition, alteration, modification, renovation, demolition or installation of fixed building equipment within a public building as defined by state statute and the Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code

Public Building definition—In it's simplest terms, a public building can be defined as any building in the State of Vermont with the exception of single family owner occupied homes, registered home daycares, and some agricultural buildings. Some Examples of structures that are considered public buildings are:

- ◆ Apartment buildings
- ◆ One and Two family rentals
- ◆ Hotels/Motels
- ◆ Inns and B&B's
- ◆ Ski houses
- ◆ Businesses
- ◆ Restaurants / Bars
- ◆ Schools
- ◆ Town / Municipal buildings
- ◆ Store / retail buildings
- ◆ Storage buildings
- ◆ Repair garages

*For more information regarding the definition of a public building, please visit our website and refer to the Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code, or, contact your regional Division of Fire Safety office.

ADDITIONAL PERMIT AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

	State Construction Permit	State Electrical		State Plumbing	
		Permit	License	Permit	License
All public building excluding One and Two family rentals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
One and Two Family Rentals	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Single Family Owner-Occupied	NO	NO	NO	Yes*	Yes*

* Permit ONLY required for those on Public Water and/or Sewer. Those on private systems are not required to obtain a state permit.

HOW TO OBTAIN A STATE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

- 1) Develop a project scope and construction documents, such as plans and specifications relating to the proposed construction work or equipment installation under consideration
- 2) Fill out a State DFS Construction Permit Application form in its entirety, and submit it to the DFS regional office with the required permit fee and above mentioned plans and specifications
- 3) The project will be reviewed by division staff and work can commence on the proposed project once the applicant receives a plan review letter and permit poster back in the mail.
- 4) It is always important to consult with your local town office to ensure compliance with any required local permits.

firesafety.vermont.gov

This town is served by the Barre Regional Office of the Vermont Division of Fire Safety

For additional information regarding permitting requirements, or to obtain information out more about programs offered by the division such as inspections of rental properties please contact us

1311 US Rte 302, Suite 500, Barre, VT 05641
 Phone: 802-479-4434, Fax: 802-479-4446

2020 Property Transfers

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Richard & Jessica Angell Lyndon Center VT	Jeffrey & Gillian Scarpino West Burke VT	House & 19.30 Acres 816 Newark Street	\$340,000.00
Christina Blake West Burke VT	Laura Sturtevant Middlebury VT	House & 3.33 Acres 99 Newark Street	\$3,485.00
Edward Perachi Walpole MA	Edward & Alaina Perachi Walpole MA	Condo Unit 1004 203 Powderhorn Road	Fee Simple
Jerome O'Meara Lyndonville VT	Jerome & Regina O'Meara Lyndonville VT	House & 203.45 Acres 195 Burke Green Road	Fee Simple
Gordon III & Craig Ulmer Lyme CT	Jeffrey Lyons Longmont CO	20.9 Acres Burke Hollow Road	\$67,500.00
Arthur III & Caroline Dedham MA	Arthur III & Caroline Gregory Trustee Dedham MA	Condo 1.11 Acres 2260 Mountain Road	1/2 Interest
Irene Richardson West Burke VT	Selina Thomsen & Robert III & Thomas Bousquet Templeton MA	House & 2.75 Acres 53 Sugarhouse Road	Fee Simple
Sean Foley & Patricia Black Foley East Burke	Foley Family Trust East Burke VT	House & 10 Acres 216 Walter Road	Trust
Sean Foley East Burke	Foley Family Trust East Burke VT	1/2 interest Barn & Apartment 6 Acres 716 Burke Hollow Road	Trust
US Bank National Association Coppell TX	Lussier Revocable Living Trust Lyndonville VT	House & 10.15 Acres 559 Bugbee Crossing Rd	\$105,000.00
Town of Burke West Burke VT	Michael Mathers East Burke VT	10.90 Acres Mountain Road	\$75,000.00
Anthony Amodeo West Burke VT	Anna Young & James Amodeo Gilbert AZ	2.66 Acres & Houses 24 & 42 A-Frame Drive	Fee Simple
76 Dishmill Road LLC East Burke VT	Paul & Elizabeth Kenworthy East Burke VT	House & .79 Acres Dishmill Road	Fee Simple
Darlene Kulzyck East Burke VT	Seth Kulzyck East Burke VT	House 13.23 Acres 329 Burke Green Road	Fee Simple
Darlene Kulzyck East Burke VT	Rocky Donaldson Lyndon VT	10.18 Acres Burke Green Road	Fee Simple
Woodward Johnson & Florence Ashburnham MA	Johnson 2020 Real Property Trust Ashburnham MA	House & 4.6 Acres 146 Rexford Road	Trust
Danny & Patricia Jackson Sutton VT	Casey Lacourse Pepperell MA	32.40 Acres Sugar House Road	\$65,000.00
Stephen Mahon Groton MA	Hailin Luo Metairie LA	Condo Unit 30 2162 Mountain Road	\$90,500.00
Stephen Shelp Mills River NC	Deste Roosa Greenfield MA	House & 5.5 Acres 2840 Pinkham Road	\$385,000.00
Robert Elmes Pensco Trust Denver CO	Lonny Ruggles East Burke VT	47.97 Acres Burke Green Road	\$15,000.00
Gary & Melissa Leach Burke VT	Eric & Heather Kissinger Portland CT	Condo, Unit 111 48 Burkeside Road	\$213,000.00

2020 Property Transfers

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Katherine Richmond Gloucester MA	Erik & Melissa Holm Medfield MA	Condo 2164 Mountain Road	\$144,500.00
Aleph Boyden, LLC Norwell MA	Sarah & Jared Staub Grand Rapids MI	18.25 Acres Apple Tree Lane	\$100,000.00
Douglas & Paige Hamilton Marblehead MA	James & Anne Howard JR Winchester MA	Condo 184 Bear Path Lane #3	\$615,000.00
Neal Faulkner West Burke VT	Neal Faulkner & Heather Faulkner West Burke VT	Mobile Home, barn & 10.01 Acres 1949 Gaskell Hill Road	Parent/Child
Starr Family Revoc Trust Henryville IN	Willow Piersol & David Dunbar Medford MA	.05 Acres 543 High Meadows Road	Boundary line
Richard & Gary Burrington Trust Westfield MA	Michael & Tiffany Clark Sharon VT	7.5 Acres Pinkham Road	\$25,000.00
Starr Family Revoc Trust Henryville IN	Edward & Judith May East Burke VT	House & 1.20 Acres 543 High Meadows Road	\$525,000.00
Markus & Nancy Vogt Newport VT	Philip Buttlng Queesbury NY	House & 28.40 Acres 2008 Gaskell Hill Road	\$285,000.00
Michael Davis & Bobbie Jo Badger Newark VT	Richard & Leeann Miller Boston MA	Mobile Home & 1 Acres 13 Slippery Hill Road	\$95,000.00
Anthony Amodeo West Burke VT	Anna Young & James Amodeo Gilbert AZ	A Frame & 1.33 Acres 42 A Frame Drive	Parent/Child
Anthony Amodeo West Burke VT	Anna Young & James Amodeo Gilbert AZ	A Frame & 1.33 Acres 24 A Frame Drive	Parent/Child
Amy Sanel Revocable Trust St Johnsbury VT	Full Send Camp LLC Shaftsbury VT	House & 2.01 Acres 243 Camp Road	\$210,114.00
Thomas & Nancy Taylor East Burke VT	Charles & Heidi Weber Block Island RI	35.9 Acres Marshall Newland Road	\$150,000.00
Scott & Jessica Boynton Keene NH	Ethan & Katharine French Saunderstown RI	10.02 Acres 510 East Darling Hill Road	\$175,000.00
Marian Wafer Palm City FL	Andrew & Honey Williams East Burke VT	House & 25.95 Acres 226 East Darling Hill Road	\$775,000.00
Bradford Edwards Millinocket ME	Brett McCready & Keri L Gondar Daniel Island SC	House 18.70 Acres 55 Chapman Road	\$350,000.00
1096 Burke Green Road & 1004 Burke Green Road East Burke VT	James Marshall East Burke VT	2 Acres East Burke VT	\$84,000.00
Seth Maynard South Burlington VT	Sam Nicholson & Dani Brunelle Nantucket MA	Condo 25 Burkeside Road Unit 127	\$178,500.00
Ronald & Anita Goodwin West Burke VT	Ryan & Meghan Goodwin West Burke VT	1.5 Acres West Burke VT	Parent/Child
Kathryn Maieli Wilder VT	Steven & Melissa Puliafico Rutland MA	Condo 2200 Mtn Road Unit 43	\$131,500.00
Thomas Demello & Cynthia Feldmann Falmouth MA	Mark & Katherine Sullivan Wellesley MA	Condo 184 Bear Path Unit 2	\$620,000.00
Christina Blake West Burke VT	Karen & Katherine Goetz West Burke VT	House & 3.30 Acres 99 Newark Street	\$245,000.00

2020 Property Transfers

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Andrew & Honey Williams East Burke VT	Abigail & Matthew Pearson Kennebunk ME	House & 3.28 Acres 109 Flower Brook Road	\$220,000.00
Sno Bear LLC Danville VT	Jeffrey & Jaime Hildreth Montauk NY	Condo 2426 Mtn Road Unit 3	\$495,000.00
Mark & Cheryl Elliott Cameron MT	Timothy & Marcella Geary Grafton MA	5.02 Acres Off Monash Road	\$35,000.00
John & Vicki Scott East Burke VT	Daniel Skala East Burke VT	House & 21 Acres 1472 VT Route 114	\$500,000.00
Robert & Pauline Doyon Trust Venice FL	Devin Keithan West Burke VT	House & 13.40 Acres 3356 US Route 5	Grandparent/ Grandchild
Umpire Mountain LLC St Johnsbury VT	Kimberley & Brett Young Trust Whatley MA	3.06 Acres Joanne Drive	\$69,500.00
Steven Gorsch Park City UT	Sara Ecker Thetford Center VT	Condo 23 Mtn Brook Rd Unit 3	\$242,000.00
Beans Mobile Homes Inc Lyndonville VT	Ryan Goodwin West Burke VT	Mobile Home 500 Route 5A	\$112,219.00
John Napier Mount Holly VT	Mountainbrook Road Unit 7 LLC Littleton NH	Condo 23 Mtn Brook Rd Unit 7	\$207,000.00
Darryel & Teresa Corrow East Burke VT	Sharon Mallett East Burke VT	2.25 Acres VT Route 114	\$45,000.00
Mark & Elizabeth Knudsen Rockport MA	Kudsen Family Trust Rockport MA	House & 6.6 Acres 2165 Gaskell Hill Road	Trust
Diane Lyons East Burke VT	William Booker & Christine East Burke VT	House & 23.10 828 Marshall Newland RD	\$485,000.00
Estate of Richard Welch East Burke VT	Ruth Welch East Burke VT	60.93 Acres White School House Road	17.57% Interest
Devereaux Family Trust Lyndonville VT	Hillary Ducan Brooklyn NY	145 Acres Off Victory Road	\$165,000.00
James Merrigan Scituate MA	Merrigan Investment Trust Scituate Ma	1.10 Acres 314 Moonlight Drive	Trust 25% interest
The Annaburke Nominee Trust Westminster MA	The Annaburke Nominee Trust Westminster MA	6.57 Acres Burke Green Road	Trust
Christian & Debra Zimmermann Gilford NH	John & Athena MCalenney Westport CT	210 Powderhorn Road #1103 Condo	\$317,500.00
Ruth, Lauren, & Lyle Welch, & Laurelie Chapman, & Sonia & Brian Devereaux East Burke VT	Joseph Giordano Hood River OR	60.93 Acres White School House Road	\$185,000.00
Catherine Hanks Lyndon VT	Matthew & Betsey Pelletier Campton NH	House & 7 Acres 455 Bumps Road	\$289,000.00
Collin & Caitlin Daulong Bridgewater CT	Jason & Christina Yarrington Salem MA	Condo Unit #15 107 Mt Brook Road	\$223,000.00
Larry & Marie Flood Trust Fort Pierce FL	Rical LLC Jericho VT	37 Mitchell Drive	Easement
Theodore Taylor & Sheila Southampton NY	Victor & Bethany Waryas Grantham NH	4.5 Acres Burke Green Road	\$19,000.00

2020 Property Transfers

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Larry & Marie Flood Trust Fort Pierce FL	Cooper Arsenault Lyndonville VT	House & 15.41 Acres 37 Mitchell Drive	\$349,000.00
Kaija & Jeffrey Percy Brownville VT	Peter & Nicole Afanasiw Brant Rock MA	House & 33.70 Acres 3532 Sugarhouse Road	\$262,500.00
Raelyn Silva & Bethany Preble & Christopher Soave & Todd Preble Newfields NH	Todd & Michelle Roberts North Franklin CT	5 Acres Lot 1B Sugarhouse Road	\$60,000.00
Thomas & Lois Foy Wilbraham MA	Lois Foy Trust Wilbraham MA	Condo 24 Burkeside Road 101	Trust
Laura Symcak Washington DC	Benjamin & Christina Kennedy Marion MA	House & 28.5 Acres 571 Sugarhouse Road	\$465,000.00
Sharon Mallett East Burke VT	Sara Howland & Scott Mackey Reading MA	House & 13 Acres 2137 VT Route 114	\$349,000.00
Sno Bear LLC Danville VT	Christopher Dubois & Emily Betz Lincoln MA	Condo 2426 Mountain Rd Unit 4	\$515,000.00
Kathy Teece Trust Florence MA	Kathy Teece Florence MA	Condos Unit 17 & 19 Mountain Brook	Fee Simple
Jason & Julie Webber West Burke VT	Gaskill Hill Farm LLC Williston VT	House & 10.1 Acres 80 Gaskell Hill Road	\$175,000.00
Wendy Kuklinski East Burke VT	Jason Harris Lyndonville VT	Condo Unit 20 2160 Mountain Road	\$130,000.00
Layton & Wendy Newland St Johnsbury VT	Lance & Maria Newland East Burke VT	House & 11.5 Acres 1904 VT Route 114	\$160,000.00
Brian Watson St Johnsbury VT	James & Lindsay Marshall Portsmouth NH	House & 1 Acre 102 Sugarhouse Road	\$115,000.00
George Bolch JR East Burke VT	Lindsey Martin Arlington MA	House & 23.9 Acres 216 Chapman Drive	\$386,500.00
Yesair Family Trust Byfield MA	Howard Jr & Dominique Roosa Sarasota FL	115 Acres 870 Victory Road	\$280,000.00
William Bradley Jr. Queech,VT	Steven & Linda McGrath DuxburyVT	5.50 acres Burke Green Road	\$110,000.00
Michael GoldbergReceiver for Burke 2000 llc FT. Lauderdale, FL	Samuel Nicholson Nantucket MA	22 Acres Victory Road	\$56,000.00
Thomas & Nancy Taylor East Burke VT	Jason & Christine Roberts Hingham MA	House & 5.10 Acres 2717 Vermont Route 114	\$310,000.00
Roger Welch & Leonard Foote Westford, MA	Caleb & Caitlin Temple East Burke VT	43.90 Acres Victory Road	\$51,882.18
Leonard Foote Littleton NH	Caleb & Caitlin Temple East Burke VT	10.10 Acres Victory Road	\$26,617.82
Roger Welch Westford, MA	Caleb & Caitlin Temple East Burke VT	10.20 Acres Victory Road	\$37,500.00
James Connor Lyndon VT	Thomas Blake West Burke VT	.25 Acres 78 Route 5A	\$65,000.00
Darrell Gray East Burke	Aleph Boydon, LLC Norwell MA	85 Acres West side of Burke Green	\$87,000.00

2020 Property Transfers

Seller	Buyer	Property Location	Sale Price
Warren Gerow Freeport ME	Victor & Bethany Waryas Grantham NH	10.40 Acres Pinkham Road	\$90,000.00
Benjamin Gates Barnet VT	A&D Properties LLC St. Johnsbury VT	House &.50 Acres 4085 US Route 5	\$80,000.00
Kathy Teece Trust Florence MA	James Suozzi Walpole NH	Condo #17 & #19 107 Mountain Brook Rd	\$355,000.00
John & Wendy Frye West Burke VT	Simon Meistininkas & Meghan Bongartz New York NY	House & 47.62 Acres 4136 Burke Hollow Road	\$975,000.00
Jerome & Regina O'Meara Lyndonville VT	Jacob & Jenny Fisher East Burke VT	House & 5.10 Acres 1925 Burke Green Road	\$299,000.00
Umpire Mountain LLC St Johnsbury VT	James Kelly Southampton MA	2.10 Acres 0 Joanne Drive Lot 5B	\$57,500.00
Marc & Tracy Orloff Marblehead MA	Orloff Family Living Trust Marbelhead MA	Condo Unit 701 121 Powderhorn Road	fee simple
Estate of Christian Phelps/ Andrew Montroll, ADM & Brandy Cole Burlington VT	Janice & Ashley Phelps Lyndonville VT	House & 39.75 Acres 206 Old Farm Road	\$235,000.00
Shelly Cole & Rodney Machell West Burke VT	Shelly Cole & Rodney Machell West Burke VT	House & 2.50 Acres 3547 US Route 5	Fee Simple
Daniel Kantor East Burke VT	Daniel & Alyssa Kantor East Burke VT	House & 2 acres 24 Dashney Road	fee simple
Herbert Miller Sr. & Judith A. Carpenter West Burke VT	Seth & Megan Augeri West Burke VT	Mobile Home & 13.25 Acres 2315 Brook Road	\$42,000.00

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Assessor for the Town of Burke, New England Municipal Consultants (NEMC), completed another year as contracted Assessor. NEMC has worked as a consultant to the Town since 2006 and as the Assessor since 2017.

This past year the Assessors went through their fourth full Grand List cycle. Over 80 notices of valuation changes were issued with roughly ten appeals filed. One appeal was brought before the Board of Civil authority and subsequently appealed to the Superior Court. The Assessor's Office is staffed Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Burke's CLA for Grand List 2020 was 98.39% and the COD is 15.63% as reported by the State Division of Property Valuation & Review. The proposed CLA for Grand List 2021 is 93.7% and the COD is 15.94%. The stability of the CLA and COD are both important in minimizing changes in the educational tax and measuring fairness in assessments.

A number of reminders to all property owners and taxpayers;

1. In Vermont, the property owner is responsible for insuring that the data concerning their property assessment is correct. You should periodically ask to see your assessment record and make sure the data is correct.
2. Homestead Declarations continue to be required every year by April 15th. We continue to see a large # of late filers which unfortunately results in a penalty for the property owner. We would encourage everyone to file their Homestead Declaration by April 15th even if you aren't filing your taxes at that time. If you qualify for Property Tax Adjustments you must file the claim (HS-145) as well as HI-144, Household Income.
3. Anyone planning to build a new building or add to an existing one (porch, deck, etc.) is reminded they need to get a permit before starting.
4. In general, Grievance appeals must be filed in late May or early June each year. Please call our office in May to verify the appeal period.

2020 Statistics

2020 Grand List = 279,702,228 Total Parcels= 1,252

Residential Homes = 803

Condominiums = 198

Commercial = 54

Vacant Land = 197

NEMC would like to thank Linda Hackett-Corey, Cathi Feeley, and Mike Harris for a successful first year as town leaders. We look forward to many more years working closely with them.

Matthew Krajewski, NEMC
Assessor for the Town Burke

Burke Planning Commission

212 School Street

West Burke, Vermont 05871

Fellow Residents of Burke,

The role of the Planning Commission is to oversee the Burke Town Plan and the Zoning Bylaws. These documents represent what we, as the residents, look to use as the guidelines for the continued, long term growth and sustainability of our community. As a community, we must look at what we presently have as well as where we would like to be in the future and thus value everyone's input.

The members for Burke Planning Commission are Sean Montague, Valerie Desmarais, Keith Clark, Carol Krochak and Todd Vendituoli.

As we all know, 2020 has been a very challenging year with many changes in our schedule of meetings and membership. James Bentley resigned from his position and we welcomed Todd Vendituoli as a new board member. The Commission worked throughout the year to review and enhance parts of the Bylaws concerning the Town's Junk Ordinance, defining grandfathered rights, adding to the definition section of the Bylaws for better clarity, and reviewing changes to public safety in regards to fire damaged, uninhabitable buildings.

As we move forward to a hopefully more stable, productive and healthy upcoming year, we welcome the public's insight and suggestions via correspondence or through attendance at these meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of the month and have been changed to start at 6:00 pm. Please contact the Town Office, Todd Vendituoli @toddvendituoli@gmail.com or any board member for any needed additional information.

Respectfully,

Sean Montague

Valerie Desmarais

Keith Clark

Carol Krochak

Todd Vendituoli, chair

Burke Planning Commission



Burke Conservation Commission 2020 Annual Report

Public Programs: In January, Ann Lawless from the “Heat Squad” gave a presentation on home energy audits and rebates available to improve energy efficiency in residential homes. We did not continue public programs for the remainder of the year, but look forward to future programs.

Scholarships: The Conservation Commission supported a Burke Student who was able to mentor younger students at a bike camp run by the Northwoods Stewardship Center. See photos from the camp in this report!

Ash Tree Inventory Pilot Study: Matt Langalis, Caledonia County Forester, trained BCC members on ash tree inventory and documentation along Town road right-of-way. In June, Commission members inventoried ash trees along Darling Hill and Burke Green Roads in Town, noting trees’ condition and risk of falling onto roads. Whiteout Solutions did a survey along the same area using a drone later in the summer. Results will be compared, with the hope that the drone work will be more efficient and a valuable tool.

Greenup Day: The Commission posted signs in West Burke, Burke Hollow and East Burke to advertise for Greenup Day. A new 3rd sign was painted by Burke Town School Students this year, so there can be one sign in each village. It was not an organized event this year, but residents could pick up bags and collect trash along the road over the week.

Nature Trail: BCC updated the Nature Trail brochure and replaced some of the posts along the trail. We plan to collaborate with Burke Town School students for future changes and/or to make a kid-friendly version of the brochure.

Darling Park Trees: BCC trimmed suffering maple trees at Darling Park in hopes of encouraging and retaining healthy new growth. A couple of the trees have been replaced by Burke resident Doug Clarner.

Burke Community Forest - In keeping with our goals as a Commission, BCC is hoping to raise money (through grants and donations) to purchase 103 acres on Victory Road for a community forest.

BCC Members: Elise Lawson, Kevin Mack, Cathie Wheeler, Chris Manges, Joan Harlowe, and Ric Prescott. Ric recently resigned from the Commission, and we are very grateful for his service with us.





KINGDOM TRAILS

Dear Burke Community,

The Kingdom Trail Association would like to express deep appreciation for community support and collaboration in building an incredible network of trails, spanning four towns and two counties through this breathtaking landscape. 2020 was an exceptional year and we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible strain that COVID has placed on our community and celebrate its remarkable resolve.

Through so many months of uncertainty this community has shown its strength and tremendous care for one another. Meals made and delivered. Food donated. Masks worn. Grocery runs for vulnerable community members. Trash collected for neighbors when the town truck was under repair. These are just a few examples of the character and generous spirit that exemplifies our region. It is the love we share for this community and the incredible resourcefulness of its members that inspires us to continue striving toward our mission.



Landowners: Kingdom Trails exists because of 100 landowners and their generosity. We made a pledge to have better, more productive engagement with our landowners through the creation of a Landowner Advisory Committee. Newly formed in 2020, this Committee now serves to facilitate communication between KTA and the landowners. It provides an avenue to meaningfully connect and offer landowners a voice in KTA's activities; providing suggestions and advice, a forum for sharing feedback and concerns, and a space for KTA to address questions.



Trails: In 2020, KTA focused on establishing safe connections to keep trail users off the roadways and increase family friendly trail access. Thanks to the help of our hard working team and over 50 volunteers, we managed to achieve 13.4 miles of new trail, 3674 trail maintenance hours, 7 miles of new winter trails groomed, and 827 hours of winter trail grooming.



KTA Contributions: KTA wished to reclaim the crown for the Kingdom, as a force of good in our community by contributing \$25,000 in support of local COVID relief efforts. We were proud to support NVRH, NECKA, and surrounding community meal sites and food shelves. We were also proud to continue the KTA Mini Grant program, awarding another \$25,000 to advance valuable local endeavors that focus on projects that promote recreation, diversity and inclusion, health, education, environmental stewardship, economic viability, culture, and the creative arts



Community Events: Prior to March, KTA's annual events were enjoyed by many merrymakers. Our Resolve to Evolve Fatbike Demo Day, Torchlit Trail Experiences and 9th annual Winterbike Fatbike Festival were made possible with the support of local businesses and enjoyed by 500+ people. Fortunately we found ways to run our events during COVID without group interactions. We focused on the personal challenge aspect to encourage community health and wellness. This summer, with social distance as the highest priority, 115 kids took advantage of the KT Kids Ride thanks to the Northwoods Stewardship Center. And in its 3rd year, the 2020 Race Back To School virtual event raised \$636 for the H.O.P.E. Backpack Program!



 **Ride With Gratitude:** Our new code of conduct is meant to encourage respectful and conscientious trail users. It is a mantra that calls on riders to respect landowners, care for others, protect nature, and hold each other accountable. All members must agree to abide by this code prior to trail use.

 **Education, Diversity & Inclusion:** Kingdom Trails was honored once again to host a LEAP (Lyndon Economic opportunity AmeriCorps Program) Education Outreach Coordinator. Working with area schools and organizations, KTA reached 450 local youth, clocking 1,700 hours of service teaching outdoor STEM education. This year we also made a pledge to establish programs and initiatives around justice, equity, diversity and inclusion in the outdoor recreation community. With profound humility and commitment to deeper learning, KTA will challenge our assumptions and biases to make sure our trails are welcoming and safe for all.

 **Ambassador Program:** KTA made a commitment to our landowners and community to expand our already existing Ambassador program to increase user engagement and education, sharing our new code of conduct, Leave No Trace policies, and inform users they are on private property and to be respectful. With the rise of COVID, our Ambassadors shifted to keep our community safe by greeting all trail users at our parking & pinch points, advising visitors of our COVID safe operating policies. They worked on the frontlines, making certain that users did not risk the generosity of our landowners and community.

 **Capacity Study:** Launched by KTA and the Burke Area Chamber of Commerce to address KTA's growth concerns and enhance the network's positive impact. The Capacity Study sought input from landowners, community members, key stakeholders, businesses and trail users on potential new welcome center locations, safe traffic flow and pedestrian crossings, plus opportunities to disperse users to relieve pressures. The final report of solutions is expected early 2021.

 **Darling Ridge Land Conservation:** Kingdom Trails and the Vermont Land Trust would like to thank all those who donated to conserve 269 acres of land on Darling Ridge for public access. The protection of this beautiful piece of land was made possible through grant funding and the incredible support of local businesses and community members. Conserving this land allows us to sustain the trails and be stewards of the river, forests, and farmland which are vital to the health of our community.

To view our 2020 Community Report, reviewing fiscal year 2018-2019, visit kingdomtrails.org/2020-community-report

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2020 CEMETERY REPORT

There were only four sections of fence in the Woodmont Cemetery, so this year we finished fencing the fifth section.

We put a memorial bench in the Burke Green Cemetery in memory of the people who lost their headstones in 1927.

We had the Hillside Cemetery sprayed for grubs.

Please don't dig around headstones to plant flowers. This causes a problem with the foundation.

As a reminder, after purchasing a burial lot, corner markers are required.

Thank you,

Marcia and Rick Hackett

Cemetery Sextons



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FRIENDLY RUBBISH ATTENDANTS

Suggestions to make your curbside rubbish pickup service run more smoothly

We would like to suggest that everyone who does not already have one, get a 30 gallon container and put one sticker on the top bag-this will prevent some people from using too many stickers and help with the ones who do not use enough.

The rubbish attendants will no longer pick up rubbish from homemade rubbish barrels larger than 30 gallons or those without handles. Please be sure to use the cover of the container so that the snow and rain do not get in and freeze which adds to the weight of the containers.

*** Please make sure your rubbish containers are visible to the rubbish truck driver from both directions. Use containers no larger than 30 gallons. Please do not use 55 gallon drums to put your trash bags in. It makes it very hard to get bags out.

*** Try to be considerate about the weight of each bags. You may put more than one bag in a 30 gallon trash can and place a "B" sticker on the top bag. If bags are not placed in a 30-gallon container, each bag must display a "B" sticker visible to the driver. Bags without stickers will not be picked up. Bags that are too heavy for the workers to lift will be left to be re-bagged for the next week. You can buy you "B" stickers and "B" bags for \$3.00 each at any of the stores in both East and West Burke and also at the Town Clerk's office.

*** Do not put out tires, fluorescent bulbs, electronics or metal at curbside. Tires can be disposed of at the bulky days during the summer. Electronics and fluorescent bulbs go to the recycling center. Metal can go to the dumpster at the Town Garage during open hours.

*** If you have any problems, questions or suggestions, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's office at 467-3717

Thank you for your cooperation.

Robert Heath Driver

Brent Sarzin Attendant

Sam James Attendant





Recycle Bin



Recycle Bin



MESSAGE FROM THE RECYCLING CENTER

The Recycle Center shipped 129.15 tons of recyclables in 2020. As always, this does not include all the newspaper, cardboard, books, metal, and packing peanuts etc, which go out with residents who are moving, doing some gardening, farming or some project they are working on.

Please remember that burning trash is not only harmful and illegal but it is getting more expensive. The State and Municipalities now have the power to issue tickets and fine violators up to \$500 for illegal trash burning. This includes burning trash outdoors in piles or burn barrels, or in woodstoves or enclosed incinerators

We thought everyone would like to know the figures for solid waste for Burke the past ten years.

Tonnage	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Rubbish	334.5	315.1	318.0	334.5	302.7	270.4	285.8	289.4	299.2	297.62
Bulky Days	18.1	25.3	17.7	23.7	18.9	21.0	22.3	26.4	26.4	18.54

About 21.73 tons of compost materials were collected in Burke by a local composting business. If everyone in the town just did composting and recycling, the landfill tonnage would start to go down even with a population increase. We have several new composters available for sale at the recycling center.

Returnable deposit bottles and cans donated at the recycling center brought in \$1800 for several different non-profit organizations this year. This money helps groups like the Burke Senior Meal Site, Incredible Journey (Relay for Life teams) and the East Burke and West Burke Fire Departments East Burke Library, West Burke Library just to name a few.

Thank you to the people of Burke for your support of the recycling center in 2020

Recycling-Hours: Wednesday 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.
 Thursday 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.
 Saturday 8 A.M. to 12 P.M.

Thanks again
 Sam James, Attendant
 Brent Sarazin, Attendant

**WE ARE NOW COLLECTING COMPOST
IN BINS PLACED OUTSIDE THE RECYCLING CENTER**

There are compost bins outside the building. One bin is to put your compost in. The other bin holds shredded paper. Please put your compost in the bin marked "compost" and then add some shredded paper. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT COMPOST IN THE SHREDDED PAPER BIN.**

YES – YOU CAN COMPOST THESE

Meat, Bones, Fish & Seafood, Seafood shells,
Fruits & Vegetables
Eggs, Eggshells, Paper Egg Cartons
Milk, Cheese, Other Dairy
Dressings, Condiments, Sauces, Soups
Flour, Bread, All Pasta & Pastries
Coffee Grounds & Filters
Nuts, Nutshells, Spices, Oils, Fats

NO -DO NOT COMPOST THESE BUT PLEASE RECYCLE

Paper Products, including
Sugar & flour bags
Sugar & sweetener packets

DO NOT COMPOST OR RECYCLE - PUT IN YOUR TRASH

Plastics: Utensils, Straws & Sticks
Bags & Twist-Ties
Plastic Wrap & Packaging
Plastic Stickers
Floral Products, Including
Plants, Cut flowers
Cloth, Including
Handi-wipes, Cloth Rags
Rubber Bands, Soiled cardboard
Wax-coated juice and milk cartons

Composting Made Easy

Composters are available for sale at the Recycle Center if you would like to compost in your own back yard.



Composters—\$55.00
Cash or check made payable
to the Town of Burke



There are composters available at the end of the Recycle Building for your convenience if you want to bring your food scraps to 212 School Street, West Burke during regular Recycling hours.



Hazardous Waste Collection Day

BREAKDOWN OF RECYCLING CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
1	MIXED PAPER – Newspapers, with inserts, telephone books, Magazines, catalogues. Junk mail, white paper, mixed office, white classroom paper, fax paper, construction paper, egg cartons, shredded paper, single layer cardboard, white or gray box board Please open junk mail to take out any contaminates. NO WAXED COATED BOXBOARD (EXAMPLE HALF & HALF BOX)
2	OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS – brown corrugated cardboard. Pizza boxes, brown paper bags, wet board, brown box board, (when ripped, brown inside). Staples are OK, tape is OK, please remove the plastic shipping list. No Duct Tape.
3	GLASS – All colors together
4	#1 PETE – #2 HDPE NATURAL #2 HDPE COLOR #3 thru 7 PLASTIC Clear water bottles, Gatorade, Ice Tea, etc. Any clear plastic with a molded center on bottom, Natural milk containers and water bottles, household detergent and personal care bottles. Hood light block milk jugs and plastic grocery bags.
5	ALUMINUM – Cans, aluminum pie plates, aluminum foil, soda cans, V-8 cans
6	TIN CANS - All tin cans.
7	BOOKS – Hardcover and Soft Cover
8.	ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, TV'S, MICROWAVES, SMALL APPLIANCES

We also recycle used batteries, cell phones, aerosol cans, smoke alarms, mercury thermometers, used oil, propane tanks (1 pound and 20 pound) and fluorescent light bulbs.

Oil containers and hazardous product containers are not acceptable. Also no automotive, animal care, lawn and garden or medical product containers. (Bring these to Hazardous Waste Day)

Please be sure to sort and separate all of your recyclables and do not mix tin with aluminum.

All containers must be empty, clean, and **HAVE A RECYCLING SYMBOL ON IT**

NO LIDS OR COVERS AT ALL (EVEN IF IT HAS AS RECYCLING #)

NO FOOD CONTAMINATION AT ALL

NO STYROFOAM OF ANY KIND



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Town of Burke will be having four HHW Days in 2021. Burke will be partnering with the Town of St. Johnsbury to be in compliance with our Town Plan and the new States rules. The dates are as follows: May 15, 2021 and September 25, 2021 will be in St. Johnsbury and July 17, 2021 and October 16, 2021 will be in West Burke. All of the Collection Days will be advertised in the Caledonian Record, the Burke website and posters will be placed at various locations around Town.

WHAT IS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY?

Household Hazardous Waste is any discarded household material that can be classified as toxic, corrosive, flammable, or reactive/explosive. *Paint, *Acids/bases, *Hobby Chemicals, *Pesticides, *Cleaning Products, *Batteries, *Thinners/strippers.

There may be both short-term and long-term harmful effects to humans and the environment from improper use and disposal of household hazardous waste.

To protect human health and the environment, the Town of Burke is sponsoring this one-day collection event four times per year. Two events will be held in St. Johnsbury at the Main Street Parking lot and two events will be held in West Burke at the Town Garage off School Street.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Residents of the Town of Burke and St. Johnsbury only. These special days are designed for collection of household generated materials only. Business waste will not be accepted during the hours of collection without prior arrangement. There will be a charge for accepting business waste. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 467-3717 for more information.

We are sorry, but due to the cost of offering this event, we must limit participation to Town of Burke and St. Johnsbury only. Please follow these instructions:

- ** Keep all products in their original containers with labels intact.
- ** Place individual containers in sturdy cardboard boxes for transportation to the collection event. You may want to use newspaper or cardboard to keep items from tipping or hitting each other during transportation. Make sure all lids are on tight.
- ** Wrap leaking containers in newspapers and place in clear plastic bags. Make sure lids are tight.
- ** Do not mix any chemicals or pesticides together. Place any chemicals that might react with each other in separate areas of the vehicle.
- ** Do not leave products in hot, unventilated vehicles for an extended period of time.
- ** Do not smoke near any chemical products. Smoking and eating are prohibited on site.
- ** Participants are discouraged from bringing small children or pets to the collection event.
- ** Please be patient. There may be a waiting line.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (Continued)

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

Acids	Mothballs or Flakes
Adhesives	Motor Oil
Aerosols	Muriatic Acid
Antifreeze	Nail Polish
Asbestos Materials	Nail Polish Removers
All Batteries	No-Pest Strips
Boric Acid	Oven Cleaners
Brake Fluids	Paints – Latex or Oil-Based
Cements	Paint Removers
Charcoal Lighters	Paint Thinners
Chlorine	PCB's
Cleaning Fluid	Pentachlorophenol
Corn and Wart Removers	Permanent Solutions
Degreasers	Pesticides
Dioxin Insect Pesticides	Photo Chemicals
Disinfectants	Pool Chemicals
Drain Cleaners	Pressurized Tanks & Gas Cylinders
Dry Gas	Rat Poisons
Epoxies	Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
Dyes	Rust Solvents
Fiberglass Resins	Solvents
Flea collars and Powders	Spot Removers
Fluorescent Tubes	Toilet Bowl cleaners
Furniture Strippers	Tub & Tile cleaners
Hair Removers	Turpentine
Herbicides	Varnish
Inks	Weed Killers
Insecticides	Wood Polishers
Insect Repellents	Wood Preservatives
Lacquers	Wood Stains
Lubricants	

WASTES THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- >>>> Explosives; shock-sensitive materials and water/air reactive materials (Dynamite, ammunition)
- >>>> Pathological Wastes; Infectious Wastes (disease-causing organisms); Medicines (medical wastes)
- >>>> Radioactive Wastes (including smoke detectors)

THE TOWN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY MATERIAL, WHICH IS NOT DEEMED ACCEPTABLE BY THE MANAGING CHEMIST ON SITE.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days for 2021 are scheduled as follows:

May 15, 2021- Main Street Parking Lot, St. Johnsbury
July 17, 2021 – 51 Town Garage Road, West Burke
September 25, 2021 - Main Street Parking Lot, St. Johnsbury
October 16, 2021– 51 Town Garage Road, West Burke

We will need a volunteer on site at each one of these events to fill out a questionnaire for each resident that comes to the site. Please call the Town Clerk’s Office to schedule your day to volunteer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT:

Linda Hackett-Corey, Burke Town Clerk

467-3717 – Days
burke@burkevermont.org

Joe Allard, Selectboard

535-4520 – Evenings
joeallard60@gmail.com

Christine Emmons, Selectboard

535-7595 – Evenings
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Sam James, Recycling Attendant

467-3717 – Days
473-8241 - Evenings
burke@burkevermont.org



2021 Curbside Recycling Pick-up Schedule
 Pick-up Is Every Other Thursday

Month	Date	Location	Month	Date	Location	Month	Date	Location	Month	Date	Location	Month	Date	Location
January	7	East	February	4	East	March	4	East	April	1	East	May	6	West
	14	West		11	West		11	West		8	West		13	East
	21	East		18	East		18	East		15	East		20	West
	28	West		25	West		25	West		22	West		27	East
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July	1	West	August	5	East	September	2	East	October	7	West	November	4	West
	8	East		12	West		9	West		14	East		11	East
	15	West		19	East		16	East		21	West		18	West
	22	East		26	West		23	West		28	East		25	HOLIDAY
	29	West					30	East						30
There will be NO curbside pick-up on and Thursday November 25th.														



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Town of Burke
Candace E. Dane
802-535-7109

End of the Year – 2020 – Report

2020 was definitely a strange year. That being said, the Town of Burke was pretty quiet with regard to lost and roaming animals. Not sure what caused this, but please keep it up.

It is also that time of year when all dogs need to have a valid rabies vaccination and a town license. Please, make an effort to get this done and also make sure the Town Clerk has your updated contact information, lost dogs get home faster with this info.

Animal cruelty calls are becoming more frequent and these calls are all appreciated and looked into. On that subject everyone needs to understand that what they believe they are seeing is not always the case. Just because you do not see food, water or shelter does not mean that it does not exist somewhere on the property. If an animal appears thin, there may be a very good reason for that. Old age, health problems, etc. and on many occasions these animals do have veterinarians looking after them. While I do investigate these situations, there is not always an actual problem. Please also understand that placing a cruelty call against someone you are mad at or have a grudge against IS NOT appreciated and wastes time and money.

LASTLY, please if you feel you are in a bind and cannot keep or feed your animals, don't dump them, call me. There is no shame in asking for help. Need food, hay, whatever, call and ask. There are resources to resolve situations which are beneficial to everyone.

I hope the year 2021 brings all good things to the animal population in the Town of Burke.

Sincerely,
Candace Dane Animal Control Officer



APRIL 1ST IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING

Don't forget to register your dogs



Due to COVID
there WILL NOT be a rabies clinic.

Animal License Fees Up to April 1

Dogs who are spayed or neutered \$15.00

Dogs who are not spayed or neutered \$20.00

Animal License Fees after April 1

Dogs who are spayed or neutered \$17.00

Dogs who are not spayed or neutered \$24.00





BURKE SENIOR MEAL SITE



212 School Street
West Burke, Vermont 05871
802-467-3423

Who could have possibly predicted what lay in store for us as we embarked on this year in January of 2020?

In February the Board took over the day-to-day operations of the Burke Senior Meal Site. As we were celebrating St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage and lots of festivities, COVID 19 was fast approaching.

In March with the Governor's Stay, Home Stay Safe order, the request for meals from the meal site skyrocketed. We were unable to provide in house meals, but quickly went from having one delivery route to three, with some people stopping by to pick up their meals. A huge thank you to our volunteer drivers, Joe Allard, Leon Story, Joe Welch and Jerry Welch. You all go above and beyond the role.

We unfortunately lost Tommie Rodgers who had been on the Board and was very involved with the meal site this year. With donations in memory of Tommie Rogers, Lorraine Hackett, Mary Rexford and a small grant, we were able to update some kitchen equipment, purchasing a commercial mixer, Robot Coupe and some pots and pans to aid in preparing meals for our increased numbers.

With the assistance of the Council on Aging and federal funds, we were able to obtain a new double freezer at no cost to the meal site to allow us to be able to purchase and store a larger quantity of food.

In August, Bob Theriault joined the team as the new Manager of the meal site. With Bob's assistance we were able to obtain a commercial size refrigerator that is able to easily store the large boxes of fruits and vegetables we get at the Vermont Food Bank and Salvation Farms food drop offs. It also is easier to store the crates of fresh milk we now send to our seniors, replacing shelf stable milk. Bob has also connected with Big Papa's in Littleton to obtain additional fresh fruits and vegetables. We also now obtain some of our food items from Black River Produce to be able to add more options to our menu.

Bob has increased our social media presence with menus, information and mouth-watering pictures of the treats that are sent out to the seniors.

We have been fortunate to have some incredible kitchen help that has been able to produce high quality meals throughout this difficult year. We were also able to assist another meal site that had a COVID emergency by preparing meals for their site.

The Community has been very supportive of the meal site during this difficult year both financially and with donations of produce and food, we thank you.

The Board has volunteered countless hours, as has Janice Solinski, who assisted with our bookkeeping tasks.

In closing, we not only made it through 2020, but we improved our meal site and provided many seniors with nutritious meals and information.

In 2021 we are looking forward to being able to reopen to the public and having exercise programs, music and lots of other activities.

Susan Carr, Jim Karns, Lynn Welch, Linda Baird Britt, Joe Allard, Evelyn Franz, Tom Blake, Nancy Leonard and Peter Martin, the Board of Directors





In an effort to combat increased food insecurity as a result of the effects of the pandemic, One Burke collaborated with Doug Clarner, the board of the Universalist Society of West Burke and Mike Harris to install a food pantry dubbed the Sunshine Box. It is located on the back of the Universalist Society in West Burke. Through generous donations, including the West Burke Methodist Church, the Sunshine Box has remained well stocked. The One Burke board is

discussing the construction of more food pantries in Burke Hollow and East Burke. Thank you all!



Village Revitalization Task Force

Through a municipal planning grant in cooperation with the Town Of Burke, Peter Fairweather Associates was hired to conduct an economic development and visioning study for West Burke. As a part of the study, a dozen local businesses or economic development groups have been interviewed.

A market analysis examined industry trends and local consumer preferences. It identified opportunities for development in the Village in such sectors as:

- Outdoor recreation & Food related businesses
- Housing
- Tourism
- Cultural Activities
- Small-scale/artisanal manufacturing



Thanks to hard work by committee members and the Burke Area Chamber of Commerce, on September 19, over 100 West Burke residents attended a pork barbecue where, in addition to great food provided by Libbey's Meat Market, everyone was able to provide their thoughts about these potential uses and well as identify other things they'd like to see happen in the hamlet. Ideas ranged from cafes to local cultural centers to an interpretive history trail for the Village.

Since then, the committee has been meeting with potential funders and local property owners to identify the initial projects that could be launched in West Burke. In the next several months, all of this will be shared with the entire community so that it can be brought together into a vision for West Burke's redevelopment, identifying the opportunities, key projects and potential funding sources.

Also, this task force is continuing work through funding from the VT DEC and the USDA to conduct wastewater and drinking water studies in both East and West Burke. Updates include:

- The State of Vermont contracted with Dufresne Group and Stone Environmental for the development of two Decentralized Wastewater Solutions Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER) for East Burke and West Burke Villages.
- Potential sites that may be suitable for wastewater disposal were identified in each Village. Preliminary site investigations were completed in West Burke along with a desk top review of Historical and Archaeological Resources. Additional investigation is planned for the Spring of 2021 in West Burke. In East Burke, potential sites were identified and preliminary landowner outreach occurred.
- Property owner questionnaires to identify water and wastewater needs in the East Burke project area were distributed with 37% of surveys returned.
- In-person outreach events were limited however a successful community Pig Roast was held in the West Burke park on September 19. Over 130 people attended.
- The 30% Preliminary Engineering Report for East and West Burke Villages Water and Wastewater Solutions was submitted to the State and One Burke Committee for review.

Trails and Transportation Safety Task Force:

This group has been working with Kingdom Trails to plan a connecting single track trail between East and West Burke. The task force finalized an information packet for landowners about the project and has been contacting landowners about the proposed trail. Also, there are plans in the works for more traffic calming signs in Burke Hollow, Darling Hill Road and West Burke hopefully this spring.

Please connect with us on Facebook to find out more about ongoing meetings and projects. We welcome all at our meetings! **Many thanks to Laura Malieswski from the Burke Chamber for your continued support and cooperation!**

Respectfully submitted by Des Hertz, Chair One Burke
Board Members: Linda Lotti, Alyssa May and Tammy
Wagner

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ANNUAL REPORT

For 2020

Good bye 2020 is all I have to say about that year. We completed another audit for our office in 2020 and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years and have a slight increase with construction and traffic. This increase is do to the fuel prices. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have ten marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. The radar cart is working well and in many towns. That purchase was with the use of Governors Highway Safety Grant funds. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV and two golf carts. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has 14 Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year, with hopes to send a couple new hires to the academy in the spring. Our goal is to have 20 to 25 deputies to cover all details. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, but are unable to do that right now. Our new location is wonderful and working as it should. We've had a lot of visitors and people stopping by with question. We are more visible and easier to reach. Plus the savings on the tax payers went from \$62,000, down to \$30,000. In 12 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me or stop by the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. We have continued with our great relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county. Doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints.

Please check out our facebook page. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney

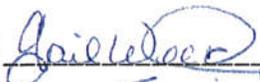


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Auditor's Report

We have examined all accounts of the Town of Burke and to the best of our knowledge the statements and reports, for the year ended December 31, 2020, contained herein are correct.

Auditors for the Town of Burke

Gail Weed: 
Tracie Surridge: 

Dated
Town of Burke

The reports for the Burke Town School are published as submitted by Kingdom East School District (KESD). The Burke Town Auditors do not examine those accounts and do not give an opinion.



2021 Proposed Budget and 2020 Actual Budget

Account Description	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Voted Budget	2020 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
Property Taxes				
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ 22,500.00			
ADMINISTRATION INCOME				
Clerk Fees	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 31,551.59	\$ (6,551.59)
Liquor Licenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,730.00	(230.00)
Interest on Line of Credit	20,000.00	20,000.00	24,093.88	(4,093.88)
Interest On Checking Accounts	500.00	-	1,818.48	(1,818.48)
Marriage Licenses	-	-	130.00	(130.00)
Interest From Del. Taxes	12,500.00	15,000.00	8,856.93	6,143.07
Penalty on Del Tax	12,500.00	15,000.00	17,507.28	(2,507.28)
Land Records Restoration	-	5,000.00	9,682.35	(4,682.35)
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	291.50	(291.50)
Total Administration Income	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 81,500.00	\$ 95,662.01	\$ (14,162.01)
ASSESSOR OFFICE				
Income to Listing	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,257.00	\$ (57.00)
Reappraisal Reserve Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,684.50	(684.50)
Total Income to Listers	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 11,941.50	\$ (741.50)
GENERAL SERVICES INCOME				
Traffic Fines	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,453.00	\$ (1,453.00)
Dog Licenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,200.00	(700.00)
Dog Fines To Town	-	-	-	-
Pilot-State of Vermont	10,000.00	10,000.00	13,289.40	(3,289.40)
Current Use Program/State	30,000.00	25,000.00	40,208.00	(15,208.00)
Total Income to General Services	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 57,150.40	\$ (20,650.40)
COMMUNITY BUILDING INCOME				
Misc. Community Bldg. Income	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ (150.00)
Total Income to Community Building	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ (150.00)
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD				
Building Permits	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,206.40	\$ (4,206.40)
Subdivision Permits	-	-	1,010.00	(1,010.00)
Advertising Inc-Zoning	-	-	910.00	(910.00)
Total Income to DRB	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,126.40	\$ (6,126.40)
PLANNING INCOME				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income to Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CONSERVATION COMMISSION INCOME				
Income to Conservation Comm-Tree Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income to Conservation Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CEMETERY INCOME				
Misc. Cemetery Income	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,596.49	\$ (596.49)
Sale of lots	-	-	1,525.00	(1,525.00)
Total Income to Cemetery	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 22,121.49	(2,121.49)

2021 Proposed Budget and 2020 Actual Budget

Account Description	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Voted Budget	2020 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
BURKE HOLLOW CEMETERY				
Misc. BH Income	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,978.94	\$ (978.94)
Total Income to BH Cemetery	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,978.94	\$ (978.94)
WOODMONT CEMETERY INCOME				
Sale of lots	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ (800.00)
Vanguard Dividends	500.00	500.00	854.46	(354.46)
Wells Fargo Dividends	20,000.00	20,000.00	24,364.65	(4,364.65)
Total Woodmont Cemetery Income	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 26,019.11	\$ (5,519.11)
RUBBISH INCOME				
Bags & Stickers	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 58,177.50	\$ (8,177.50)
Hazardous Waste Program	3,000.00	2,500.00	3,975.90	(1,475.90)
Total Rubbish Income	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 62,153.40	\$ (9,653.40)
RECYCLING INCOME				
Income to Recycling	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,498.55	\$ (5,498.55)
Total Recycling Income	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 9,498.55	\$ (5,498.55)
DARLING PARK				
Income to Darling Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income to Darling Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DARLING FUND ACCOUNT				
Vanguard Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,439.46	\$ (2,439.46)
Darling Trust Income	4,000.00	2,500.00	5,218.38	(2,718.38)
Total Darling Fund Accounts	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,657.84	\$ (5,157.84)
Total Budgeted Income	\$ 257,400.00	\$ 234,900.00	\$ 305,659.64	\$ (70,759.64)
MISCELLANEOUS NON BUDGETED REVENUE				
Property Taxes Collected - Gener	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,528,317.90	\$ (4,528,317.90)
Refund School Tax	-	-	43,985.19	(43,985.19)
Delinquent Property Tax	-	-	221,157.27	(221,157.27)
WB Vision/Econ Develop	-	-	15,000.00	(15,000.00)
Trans from EB Sidewalk	-	-	30,920.00	(30,920.00)
State of VT Town Prepay	-	-	(458,910.97)	458,910.97
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,380,469.39	\$ (4,380,469.39)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 257,400.00	\$ 234,900.00	\$ 4,686,129.03	\$ (4,451,229.03)

Account Description	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Voted Budget	2020 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
ADMINISTRATIVE				
Clerk-Treas & Asst Wages	\$ 117,380.00	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 103,295.62	\$ 13,704.38
Administrative Health Insurance	49,408.00	23,747.64	24,655.01	
Treasurer Health Ins.	12,382.00	11,903.16	11,903.16	
Selectboard	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Town Administrator	56,784.00	33,125.00	18,287.50	
Auditors	1,800.00	1,860.00	1,840.55	19.45
Election Assistants	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
FICA-MEDI Expense	10,000.00	12,500.00	10,033.13	2,466.87
General Office Expense	25,000.00	25,000.00	22,653.65	2,346.35
Election Expense	2,000.00	3,000.00	1,613.18	1,386.82
Postage	5,500.00	5,500.00	4,150.06	1,349.94
Advertising	2,500.00	3,000.00	1,065.87	1,934.13
Computer Upgrades	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,471.41	(971.41)
Bookkeeping Audit	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
New Office Equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Worker's Comp - Office	600.00	562.94	672.94	(110.00)
Restoration Reserve Exp.	-	-	9,682.35	
Bank Fees - CC	1,200.00	800.00	1,089.09	(289.09)
Land Records/Restoration	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,494.15	3,505.85
Employee Appreciation Fund	250.00	250.00	96.81	153.19
Miscellaneous Expense	-	-	1,671.61	(1,671.61)
Total Administration	\$ 309,804.00	\$ 255,748.74	\$ 226,676.09	\$ 29,072.65
Receipts to Administration	72,000.00	81,500.00	95,662.01	(14,162.01)
Tax Expense	\$ 237,804.00	\$ 174,248.74	\$ 131,014.08	\$ 43,234.66
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE				
Assessors Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 623.42	\$ (523.42)
Software License	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,900.00	100.00
Mapping Program	2,000.00	2,800.00	1,636.75	1,163.25
Outside Assessor Contracted	42,000.00	40,800.00	40,800.00	-
Reappraisal Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Total Assessors Office	\$ 56,500.00	\$ 55,700.00	\$ 54,960.17	\$ 739.83
Receipts to Assessor's Office	10,000.00	11,200.00	11,941.50	(741.50)
Tax Expense	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 43,018.67	\$ 1,481.33
TOWN OFFICES				
Janitor Wages	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,604.01	\$ 995.99
Fica-Medi	275.00	275.40	199.23	76.17
Electricity/Town Office	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,863.26	(363.26)
Telephone	5,200.00	3,200.00	4,363.98	(1,163.98)
Fuel/Town Office	5,500.00	5,500.00	3,833.90	1,666.10
Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Water Testing	250.00	250.00	256.00	(6.00)
Worker's Comp - Janitor	450.00	445.03	445.03	-
Unemployment - Janitor	15.00	15.59	3.90	11.69
Town Office Mowing	800.00	800.00	600.00	200.00
Water Systems Operator Fees	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,570.00	230.00
Maintenance-Town Offices	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,086.41	(86.41)
Town Office Renovations	-	-	-	-
Total Town Office	\$ 29,390.00	\$ 27,386.02	\$ 24,825.72	\$ 2,560.30

2021 Proposed Budget and 2020 Actual Budget

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GENERAL SERVICES				
Animal Control Wages	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Constable Wages	500.00	500.00	70.00	430.00
Health Officer Wages	500.00	500.00	465.00	35.00
General Services Fica-Medi	95.00	91.80	5.36	86.44
VT State Police	15,000.00	15,000.00	11,637.84	3,362.16
Caledonia County Sheriff	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,296.45	7,703.55
Dues/Fees	6,287.00	6,500.00	4,666.00	1,834.00
Legal Fees	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
Worker's Comp General Services	41.00	40.37	40.37	-
General Services - Unemployment	-	0.57	11.95	(11.38)
W. Burke Village Park	225.00	225.00	225.00	-
Dog Pound & Supplies	500.00	500.00	197.84	302.16
Animal Control Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
Interest Paid on LOC	20,000.00	20,000.00	22,484.43	(2,484.43)
Fire Dept. Dispatch	8,500.00	8,500.00	7,769.96	730.04
Caledonia County Tax	32,000.00	30,243.00	30,243.00	-
Total General Services	\$ 102,348.00	\$ 100,800.74	\$ 80,613.20	\$ 20,187.54
Receipts to General Services	42,000.00	36,500.00	57,150.40	(20,650.40)
Tax Expense	\$ 60,348.00	\$ 64,300.74	\$ 23,462.80	\$ 40,837.94
COMMUNITY BUILDING				
Building Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134.33	\$ (134.33)
Building Loan Payment	19,500.00	19,486.99	19,486.89	0.10
Total Community Building	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,486.99	\$ 19,621.22	\$ (134.23)
Receipts to the Community Bldg	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	(150.00)
Tax Expense	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 18,286.99	\$ 18,271.22	\$ 15.77
INSURANCE				
Property & Casualty Combined	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,438.17	\$ 5,438.17	\$ -
Professional Liability	1,650.00	1,636.56	1,636.56	-
General Fund Unemployment Ins	500.00	422.05	422.32	(0.27)
Employment Practices	1,630.00	2,190.16	2,190.16	-
Fire Dept. Workers Comp Ins.	1,300.00	1,309.00	1,217.00	92.00
Receipts to the Insurance	\$ 10,480.00	\$ 10,995.94	\$ 10,904.21	\$ 91.73
Tax Expense	\$ 10,480.00	\$ 10,995.94	\$ 10,904.21	\$ 91.73
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD				
Secretary Wages	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,175.52	\$ (975.52)
Zoning Administrator Wages	3,000.00	8,000.00	5,726.70	2,273.30
DRB Member Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	600.00	1,500.00
Fica-Medi	1,000.00	940.95	716.83	224.12
Office Expense-Zoning Board	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,142.88	(142.88)
Worker's Comp - Zoning	30.00	28.49	28.49	-
ZA Supplies	-	100.00	-	100.00
Total Development Review Board	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 14,369.44	\$ 11,390.42	\$ 2,979.02
Receipts to Development Review Board	2,000.00	-	6,126.40	(6,126.40)
Tax Expense	\$ 7,330.00	\$ 14,369.44	\$ 5,264.02	\$ 9,105.42

Account Description	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Voted Budget	2020 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
PLANNING COMMISSION				
Planning Secretary Wages	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 446.08	\$ 1,353.92
Planning Board Stipend	2,100.00	2,100.00	550.00	1,550.00
Fica-Medi	260.00	252.45	75.22	177.23
Office Expense - Planning	500.00	500.00	210.00	290.00
Worker's Comp - Planning	15.00	10.84	10.84	-
Long Trail Bike Path	-	-	1,340.00	(1,340.00)
Total Planning Commission	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 4,663.29	\$ 2,632.14	\$ 2,031.15
Receipts to Planning Commission	-	-	-	-
Tax Expense	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 4,663.29	\$ 2,632.14	\$ 2,031.15
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
Advertising	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Administrative Expense	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
Educational Projects	600.00	400.00	350.00	-
Supplies	250.00	100.00	-	100.00
Conservation Reserve Fund	2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	-
Total Conservation Commission	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 300.00
Receipts to Conservation Comm	-	-	-	-
Tax Expense	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 300.00
CEMETERY				
Hillside/Howland and B Green Cemetery Sexton	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 14,942.51	\$ (442.51)
FICA-MEDI Expense	2,000.00	1,109.25	1,143.20	(33.95)
New Equipment	-	-	6,564.15	(6,564.15)
Worker's Comp - Cemetery	700.00	665.49	795.49	(130.00)
Unemployment - Cemetery	100.00	91.13	91.12	0.01
Equipment-Oper/Maint.	-	-	2,355.26	(2,355.26)
Repairs to Grounds	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,679.16	3,320.84
Outside Contractors	1,500.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	(2,000.00)
Operating Supplies	500.00	100.00	483.25	(383.25)
Total Cemetery	\$ 26,300.00	\$ 22,465.87	\$ 31,054.14	\$ (8,588.27)
Receipts to Cemetery	20,000.00	20,000.00	22,121.49	(2,121.49)
Tax Expense	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 2,465.87	\$ 8,932.65	\$ (6,466.78)
Darling Trust- Burke Hollow Cem				
BH Church Wages	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,271.14	\$ 228.86
FICA-MEDI Expense	300.00	267.75	250.23	17.52
Electricity-Church	550.00	550.00	531.78	18.22
Worker's Comp - BH	150.00	133.34	133.34	-
Insurance Meeting House	1,000.00	1,074.21	1,074.21	-
Unemployment Insurance	25.00	18.23	18.24	(0.01)
Oper/Maint Equipment	1,000.00	4,500.00	700.00	3,800.00
Repairs to Grounds	300.00	300.00	-	300.00
Outside Contractors	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
Account Fees	100.00	100.00	-	100.00
Total Burke Hollow Church Expenses	\$ 7,225.00	\$ 10,643.53	\$ 5,978.94	\$ 4,664.59
Receipts to Meeting House - Darling Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,978.94	(978.94)
Tax Expense	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 5,643.53	\$ -	\$ 5,643.53

Account Description	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Voted Budget	2020 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
WOODMONT CEMETERY				
WM Cemetery Wages	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 8,254.93	\$ 45.07
FICA-MEDI Expense	800.00	634.95	631.29	3.66
Worker's Comp - WM	450.00	402.42	402.42	-
Insurance	25.00	21.83	21.83	-
Unemployment Ins.	55.00	50.63	50.66	(0.03)
Equipment Oper/Maint	5,000.00	17,000.00	16,453.63	546.37
Repairs to Grounds	3,500.00	3,500.00	204.35	3,295.65
	-	-	-	-
Total Woodmont Cemetery Expenses	\$ 19,330.00	\$ 29,909.83	\$ 26,019.11	\$ 3,890.72
Receipts to Woodmont Cemetery	20,500.00	20,500.00	26,019.11	(5,519.11)
Tax Expense	\$ (1,170.00)	\$ 9,409.83	\$ -	\$ 9,409.83
RUBBISH REMOVAL				
Driver/Asst Wages	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,985.81	\$ (1,985.81)
Bulky Day Wages	1,800.00	1,500.00	1,587.28	(87.28)
Haz Waste Day Wages	500.00	500.00	192.50	307.50
Rubbish Fica-Medi	2,100.00	1,550.00	2,221.57	(671.57)
Bulky Days Fica-Medi	120.00	114.75	118.67	(3.92)
Haz Waste Day Fica-Medi	15.00	-	14.72	(14.72)
Building Insurance	-	-	95.00	(95.00)
Tipping Fees- Rubbish	30,000.00	30,000.00	34,767.25	(4,767.25)
Tipping Fees - Bulky Day	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,694.78	1,305.22
Worker's Comp - Rubbish	2,800.00	2,750.28	3,048.28	(298.00)
PACIF Insurance	500.00	436.71	436.71	-
Unemployment Insurance	100.00	99.74	99.76	(0.02)
Operation/maintenance	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,889.78	110.22
Fuel - Rubbish Truck	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
Outside Maint/Repairs	10,000.00	5,500.00	26,424.90	(20,924.90)
Rubbish Supplies	500.00	500.00	3,103.08	(2,603.08)
Hazardous Waste Days	14,000.00	14,000.00	15,628.19	(1,628.19)
Truck Replacement Fund	25,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Total Rubbish Removal	\$ 128,435.00	\$ 100,451.48	\$ 131,808.28	\$ (31,356.80)
Receipts to Rubbish Removal	53,000.00	52,500.00	62,153.40	(9,653.40)
Tax Expense	\$ 75,435.00	\$ 47,951.48	\$ 69,654.88	\$ (21,703.40)
RECYCLING				
Recycling Wages	\$ 39,312.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 38,909.48	\$ (7,409.48)
Overtime Wages	500.00	500.00	7,084.26	(6,584.26)
Benefit Wages for Recycle	3,800.00	3,400.00	3,939.67	(539.67)
Fica-Medi	3,200.00	2,700.00	4,172.97	(1,472.97)
Health Insurance	12,382.00	11,903.16	11,175.82	727.34
Education	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Electricity	1,500.00	500.00	1,665.46	(1,165.46)
Heating Fuel Recycle Building	1,000.00	1,000.00	272.46	727.54
Recycling Dues	250.00	250.00	-	250.00
Worker's Comp - Recycle	5,800.00	5,705.28	5,705.28	-
PACIF Recycle	900.00	876.36	876.36	-
Unemployment Insurance	200.00	168.82	171.84	(3.02)
Recycle-Oper/Maint	10,000.00	9,000.00	7,223.35	1,776.65

2021 Proposed Budget and 2020 Actual Budget

Account Description	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Voted Budget	2020 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
Fuel - Curbside Pick-up	600.00	600.00	1,058.23	(458.23)
Security Cameras Maintenance	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
Outside Maint/Repairs	15,000.00	2,000.00	15,972.09	(13,972.09)
Recycle Supplies	500.00	-	1,505.72	(1,505.72)
Recycle Hauling	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,166.00	834.00
Composting Fees	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,324.00	176.00
Recycling Building Fund	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Total Recycling	\$ 106,144.00	\$ 78,803.62	\$ 106,722.99	\$ (27,919.37)
Receipts to Recycling	4,200.00	4,000.00	9,498.55	(5,498.55)
Tax Expense	\$ 101,944.00	\$ 74,803.62	\$ 97,224.44	\$ (22,420.82)
DARLING				
Darling Park Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fica-Medi	-	-	-	-
Darling Park Electricity	150.00	150.00	147.62	2.38
Darling Park Op/Mnt	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,265.54	234.46
Darling Park Reserve Fund	-	-	621.84	(621.84)
Park Lawn Mowing	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,615.00	385.00
Total Darling Park	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ -
Receipts to Darling Park	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Expense	3,650.00	3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ -
Darling Trust				
Darling Trust Appropriation	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
Darling Trust Account Fees	85.00	85.00	-	85.00
Total Darling Trust	\$ 685.00	\$ 685.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 85.00
Receipts to Darling Trust	-	2,500.00	5,157.87	(2,657.87)
Tax Expense	\$ 685.00	\$ (1,815.00)	\$ (4,557.87)	\$ 2,742.87
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$ 837,346.00	\$ 737,660.49	\$ 739,056.63	\$ (1,396.14)
Total Budgeted Revenues	257,400.00	234,900.00	305,659.64	(70,759.64)
Tax Expense	\$ 579,946.00	\$ 502,760.49	\$ 433,396.99	\$ 69,363.50
MISCELLANEOUS				
Appropriations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,327.14	\$ (130,327.14)
School Property Taxes	-	-	3,775,279.64	(3,775,279.64)
Trans to Highway Res	-	-	13,969.29	(13,969.29)
Waste Water Project	-	-	27,496.33	(27,496.33)
Unbudgeted Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,947,072.40	\$ (3,947,072.40)
Total Misc & Budgeted Expenses	\$ 837,346.00	\$ 737,660.49	\$ 4,686,129.03	\$ (3,948,468.54)
Total Misc & Budgeted Revenue	257,400.00	234,900.00	4,686,129.03	(4,451,229.03)
Tax Expense	\$ 579,946.00	\$ 502,760.49	\$ -	\$ 502,760.49

Account Description	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Voted Budget	2020 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INCOME				
Road Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 410.00	\$ (410.00)
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	711.96	(711.96)
State of Vermont Highway	120,000.00	120,000.00	160,958.89	(40,958.89)
Misc. Grant Income	-	-	4,000.00	(4,000.00)
Prior year surplus	108,332.00	-	-	-
Total Budgeted Income	\$ 228,332.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 166,080.85	\$ (46,080.85)
UN-BUDGETED INCOME				
Property Taxes Collected	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,109,619.75	\$ (1,109,619.75)
Burke Hollow Road	-	-	-	-
Town Garage Res Fnd	-	-	69,335.00	(69,335.00)
Trans from Reserve	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	-
	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,178,954.75	\$ (1,166,954.75)
Total Income Highway Department	\$ 240,332.00	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 1,345,035.60	\$ (1,213,035.60)
GENERAL HIGHWAY				
Highway Wages	\$ 203,500.00	\$ 181,776.00	\$ 164,210.18	\$ 17,565.82
Highway OT Wages	45,000.00	40,020.00	24,106.17	15,913.83
Highway Benefit Wages	25,000.00	22,680.00	19,983.96	2,696.04
Fica-Medi	19,500.00	18,700.00	15,590.50	3,109.50
Health/Dental Insurance	61,848.00	71,301.60	60,771.51	10,530.09
Uniforms Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,429.46	70.54
Mileage Reimbursement	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,144.78	(144.78)
Stormwater Permit Fees	1,350.00	1,350.00	-	1,350.00
New Equipment Purchase	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,773.76	(2,773.76)
Speed Sign Light - East Burke	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	12,000.00
Worker's Comp - Highway	17,000.00	16,512.52	18,135.52	(1,623.00)
PACIF Insurance	5,100.00	5,050.03	5,050.03	-
Prof Liab Insur	1,675.00	1,565.97	1,565.97	-
Unemployment Insurance	500.00	399.24	398.21	1.03
Operations & Maintenance	58,000.00	55,000.00	77,439.84	(22,439.84)
Fuel - Town Trucks	35,000.00	50,000.00	19,477.23	30,522.77
Outside Contractors	20,000.00	20,000.00	17,063.33	2,936.67
East Burke Side Walk Plowing	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,340.00	2,660.00
Equipment Replacement	50,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00	-
2015 Grader Payment	50,000.00	27,960.00	27,960.07	(0.07)
2018 Ten Wheeler	27,960.00	60,647.23	60,805.82	-
Town Garage Res. Fun	-	25,000.00	94,335.00	-
Total General Highway Expenses	\$ 656,933.00	\$ 703,462.59	\$ 700,581.34	\$ 2,881.25
TOWN GARAGE				
Electricity	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,327.12	\$ 172.88
Telephone/Town Garage	700.00	700.00	703.32	(3.32)
Fuel - Town Garage	9,000.00	8,000.00	10,118.06	(2,118.06)
Total Town Garage	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 13,148.50	\$ (1,948.50)

2021 Proposed Budget and 2020 Actual Budget

Account Description	2021 Proposed Budget	2020 Voted Budget	2020 Actual Income/Spent	Variance
ROAD MAINTENANCE				
Roadside Mowing	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
Culverts	10,000.00	4,000.00	4,809.12	(809.12)
Bridge Repairs	35,000.00	20,000.00	11,264.22	8,735.78
Winter Salt	85,000.00	92,500.00	77,767.62	14,732.38
Magnesium Chloride	40,000.00	35,000.00	52,055.82	(17,055.82)
Winter Sand	15,000.00	13,000.00	-	13,000.00
Gravel Resurface	80,000.00	80,000.00	43,239.74	36,760.26
Retreatment	175,000.00	140,000.00	193,632.79	(53,632.79)
Crack Seal	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
East Darling Hill Project	100,000.00	100,000.00	115,480.45	(15,480.45)
Matching Grant Funds	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	25,000.00
Dam Material Crushing		15,000.00	-	15,000.00
MRGP Expense	6,000.00	-	5,988.22	(5,988.22)
Bridge Replacement Fund		-	8,735.78	(8,735.78)
Walker Hill /road Upgrades	16,000.00		-	-
	<u>\$ 604,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 541,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 522,973.76</u>	<u>\$ 18,526.24</u>

Total Road Maintenance

Total Expense - Highway Department	\$ 1,273,133.00	\$ 1,256,162.59	\$ 1,236,703.60	\$ 19,458.99
Total Revenues - Highway Department	<u>240,332.00</u>	<u>132,000.00</u>	<u>1,345,035.60</u>	<u>(1,213,035.60)</u>
Tax Expense Highway	\$ 1,032,801.00	\$ 1,124,162.59	\$ 108,332.00	\$ 1,015,830.59

Highway Fund	Surplus	\$ 108,332.00
General Fund	Surplus	
	Total	\$ 108,332.00

2021 Proposed Budget

General Fund Proposed	\$ 837,346.00
Highway Fund Proposed	<u>1,273,133.00</u>
Total 2020 Proposed Budget	\$ 2,110,479.00

Anticipated Tax Rate

2021 Town General Fund Budget	\$	837,346.00
2021 Highway Fund Budget	\$	<u>1,273,133.00</u>
	\$	2,110,479.00
2021 Anticipated Receipts - General Fund	\$	234,900.00
2021 Anticipated Receipts-Highway		132,000.00
Highway Surplus		108,332.00
Anticipated Delinquent Taxes to be Collected		<u>22,500.00</u>
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$	497,732.00
Estimate amount to be raised by taxes	\$	1,612,747.00
Veterans Exemption Tax (6)		2,767.68
Appropriation Requests		<u>130,348.08</u>
Total estimated tax expense	\$	1,745,862.76
Divide estimated expense by last published Grand List of 4/1/2020 (Municipal Only)	\$	2,708,376.00
Results		0.6446
Anticipated Town Tax Rate 2021		
Breakdown of 2021 Anticipated Tax Rate		
Highway (1,273,133.00 - \$132,000.00 - \$108,332.00) = \$1,032,801.00		0.3813
General Fund (\$837,346.00 - \$234,900.00 - \$22,500.00) = \$579,946.00		0.2141
Appropriations (\$130,348.08)		0.0481
Veterans Exemption (6) (\$2,767.68)		0.0010
Anticipated 2021 Town Tax Rate		0.6446

	Residential	Non-Residential
Total Town Tax Rate	0.6446	0.6446
Total Education Tax Rate	1.5106	1.8463
Total Proposed Tax Rate School and Town	<u>2.1552</u>	<u>2.4909</u>

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**DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS
ALL YEARS**

Bailey Howard
 Bird Jessica
 Burke Standing Seam
 * Call Robert Jr & Lisa
 Coughlin John IV - 2 years
 * Daigle Ronald II - 3 years
 ** Downey Edward
 Gargone Charles Jr - 2 years
 Goodwin Donald J L
 Goodwin Ryan
 Green Mountain Pow
 Gurel Nadide - 2 years
 Kenyon Donna A - 2 years
 Koopman Peter
 ** Kuhn Shane
 Lacaillade Michael - 2 years
 Lafleur David
 Lajoie Kevin
 Lyons Jeffrey
 ** Macculloch Joshua
 * Martin Michael - 3 years
 * McDowell Meagan

Mello Rayanne
 Morgan Justin
 Murphy Michael
 * Nicholas Cheryl - 2 years
 Nichols Michael - 2 years
 Nolan Daniel
 Noyes Billy - 4 years
 O'Neill Brian - 2 years
 O'Rourke Amanda 2 years
 ** Robbins Richard
 Rumbinas Eric - 2 years
 Schwag Frederick - 3 properties - 2 years
 * Shufelt James III
 Silvestro John
 ** Simpson David
 Spencer Estate
 Strout Daniel - 3 years
 Switser Howard
 * Tanner Daniel
 TBK Realty Inc - 2 years
 ** True Scott - 1 years
 * True Scott - 2 years
 Williamson Thomas - 3 years
 Williamson Thomas -2 years

2017 BALANCE AT 12-31-2020 = \$ 53.92
 2018 BALANCE AT 12-31-2020 = \$ 9,641.75
 2019 BALANCE AT 12-31-2020 = \$ 45,802.76
 2020 BALANCE AT 12-31-2020 = \$ 87,382.93

TOTAL DUE AT 12-31-2020 \$142,881.51

*Making Payments

**Paid in Full

**Statement of Taxes Raised
December 31, 2020**

GRANDLIST 2020

Municipal	\$	2,743,521.00
Education - Residential		935,057.61
Education - Non-Residential		1,743,392.87

TAXES TO BE RAISED

	Grandlist		Rate		Amount Raised
Town - General	\$ 2,743,521.00	x	0.1760	\$	482,859.73
Vet Exempt	\$ 2,743,521.00	x	0.0010		2,744.08
Highway	\$ 2,743,521.00	x	0.4097		1,124,018.63
Appropriations	\$ 2,743,521.00	x	0.0475		130,318.76
Town Residential			<u>0.6342</u>	\$	<u>1,739,941.20</u>
School - Residential	935,057.61	x	<u>1.3946</u>	\$	<u>1,304,031.50</u>
School - Non-Residential	1,743,392.87	x	1.6546	\$	2,884,617.88
Late Homestead Already Applied					
Total Tax Billing				\$	5,928,590.58
				\$	(89,647.90)
				\$	5,838,942.68
2020 Taxes Collected				\$	5,288,096.78
Delinquent Taxes To Be Collected					87,382.93
State Prebate payments					463,462.97
HS 122 Adjustment					(4,552.00)
				\$	<u>5,838,942.68</u>

2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on hand January 1, 2020	\$	302,664.10
Property Taxes		4,334,549.39
Administrative		95,662.01
Assessor's Office		11,941.50
General Services		57,150.40
Community Building Income		1,350.00
Development Review Board		6,126.40
Cemetery Fund		22,121.49
Cemetery Darling Trust		5,978.94
Woodmont Cemetery Trust		26,019.11
Rubbish		62,153.40
Recycling		9,498.55
Misc. Revenue		45,920.00
Highway		1,345,035.60
Darling Fund		7,657.84
Reserve Fund		<u>(7,720.00)</u>
Total Revenues	\$	6,023,444.63
Total Available Cash	\$	6,326,108.73
		2020 Disbursement
Administrative	\$	226,676.09
Assessor's Office		54,960.17
Town Offices		24,825.72
General Services		80,613.20
Community Building		19,621.22
Insurance		10,904.21
Development Review Board		11,390.42
Planning Board		2,632.14
Conservation Commission		1,600.00
Cemetery		31,054.14
Burke Hollow Cemetery & Meeting House		5,978.94
Woodmont Cemetery		26,019.11
Rubbish Removal		131,808.28
Recycle		106,722.99
Darling Park		3,650.00
Darling Trust		600.00
General Highway		1,236,703.60
School Property Taxes		3,775,279.64
Appropriations		130,327.14
WB Vision/Econ. Develop		27,496.33
EB Sidewalk		30,920.00
Reserve Expenditures		<u>13,969.29</u>
Total Disbursements	\$	5,953,752.63
Cash Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	372,356.10

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand January 1, 2020	\$	302,664.10
2020 Receipts		<u>6,023,444.63</u>
	\$	6,326,108.73
Less 2020 Disbursements	\$	<u>5,953,752.63</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 2020	\$	372,356.10
Checking Accounts	\$	493,019.50
CNB Arbitrage		804,170.62
VCDP Grant		101.58
Due To / From		(425,888.47)
Account Receivable		88,931.09
Vanguard CD		7,484.62
Cemetery CD		75,931.94
Jacob McNeal Trust		4,005.86
Bridge Replacement Fund		180,666.44
Highway Equip Fund		78,589.72
Town Office Renovation CD		35,641.07
Recycling Building Fund		10,802.95
Reappraisal Fund		80,834.13
Rubbish Truck Fund		63,368.70
Land Conservation CD		7,217.84
Tax Sale Escrow		101.16
Animal Fund		2,613.66
Cemetery Equipment Saving		4,829.03
Darling Park CD		8,181.49
Highway Due To/From		425,888.47
Kingdom Trails E.Dar.Hil CD		65,063.96
Deth Meeting House Trust		58,437.45
Sylce Memorial Fund		<u>2,038.55</u>
Total Assets	\$	2,072,031.36
Account Payable	\$	208,850.87
Current Liabilities		804,919.25
Aflac Insurance		66.47
Vanguard		7,484.62
Cemetery Perpetual Care		75,931.94
Jacob McNeal Trust		4,005.86
Bridge Replacement Fund		180,666.44
Equipment Replacement Fund		78,589.72
Town Office Renovations		35,641.07
Recycling Building Revovations		10,802.95
Reappraisal Fund		80,834.13
Rubbish Truck Replacement Fund		63,368.70
Land Conservation Fund		7,217.84
Tax Escrow		131.26
Animal Fund		2,613.66
Cemetery Equip. Saving		4,829.03
Recreation (Darling Park) Fund		8,181.49
Kingdom Trails E.Dar.Hill CD		65,063.96
Deth Mtg. House Trust		58,437.45
Sylce Memorial Fund		<u>2,038.55</u>
Total Liability	\$	1,699,675.26
Fund Balance at December 31, 2020	\$	372,356.10

2020 EMPLOYEE WAGES

EMPLOYEE/DEPARTMENT	Gross	EMPLOYEE/DEPARTMENT	Gross
<u>Selectboard</u>		<u>DEVELOPMENT REVIEW</u>	
Joseph Allard	\$ 1,465.00	Frank Cuccia	125.00
Christine Emmons, Chair	1,000.00	Edmund Guest	250.00
Ford Hubbard	1,000.00	Rodney Machell	225.00
 <u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>		 <u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>	
Linda Hackett-Corey	\$ 50,574.64	Valerie Desmarais	\$ 850.00
Kathleen Feeley	50,175.94	Keith Clark	150.00
Health Insurance/Payroll	7,524.72		
 <u>HIGHWAY</u>		 <u>AUDITORS/JANITOR/ADMIN</u>	
David Kaufman	\$ 60,575.71	Gail Weed, Auditor/Janitor/recording	\$ 9,404.53
Shane Heath	33,659.66	Susan Carr, Auditor	160.31
Dale Hackett	55,269.93	Debra Hale, Auditor	596.36
James Hinman	53,497.80	<u>Constable</u>	
Joseph Lund	7,673.14	William Garfield	70.00
 <u>RUBBISH /RECYCLE</u>		 <u>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR</u>	
David Coparanis	\$ 3,825.00	Michael Harris-Town Administator/Zoning Administrator	\$ 24,014.20
Robert Heath	18,337.55		
Sam James	42,951.46		
Cori Lucas	4,501.00		
Brent Sarazin	1,827.00		
Michael Sylce	870.00		
 <u>CEMETERY</u>			
Marcia Hackett	\$ 14,799.40		
Rick Hackett	7,956.68		
Ricky Hackett, Jr.	3,712.50		
		Total Wages Reported: 28	\$ 457,042.53

**2020 TOWN OF BURKE ASSETS
PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, AND TRUST FUNDS**

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Town Offices, Recycle Bldg, Community Bldg & Land (3.6 Ac)	\$ 795,200.00
Town Garage and Land (3.5 Acres)	80,100.00
Ranch House (.9 Acres-Ham Property)	103,500.00
Meeting House/Burke Hollow Cemetery (1.5 Acres)	426,200.00
Hillside Cemetery (18 Acres)	75,800.00
Howland Cemetery (4.6 Acres)	43,900.00
White School Road (.63 Acres)	3,200.00
Burke Green Cemetery (1.25 Acres)	38,700.00
Burke Mountain Road Property (10.9 Acres)	78,400.00
Darling Memorial Park (22.7 Acres/shed)	71,700.00
Woodmont Cemetery (5 Acres and Shed/Vault)	42,600.00
Total Property	\$ 1,759,300.00

EQUIPMENT

Highway	\$ 1,005,785.89
Rubbish Truck	108,717.79
Cemetery	10,734.00
Office	48,296.00
Darling Park	17,717.00
Recycling Equipment	42,433.00
Total Equipment	\$ 1,233,683.68

TRUST FUNDS

Burke Cemetary Fund Acct #5196 - Wells Fargo	\$ 111,493.00
Burke Cemetary Fund Acct #3985 - Wells Fargo	510,209.83
Burke Mtng Hse and Burke Hollow Cem-Edw Jones	211,568.72
Woodmont Cem-Florence Gibson Trust -Edw Jones	35,506.29
Woodmont Cem-Wells Fargo Advisors	197,585.32
Woodmont Cem-Vanguard Investment Shares	71,897.38
Inhabitants Poor or Unfortunate-Stifel Nicolaus Advisors	240,370.14
Inhabitants Poor or Unfortunate-Vanguard Investement Shares	117,060.81
Inhabitants Poor or Unfortunate-Vanguard Acct CNB	7,484.62
Total Trust Funds	\$ 1,503,176.11

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RISING COSTS OF PROPERTY TAXES

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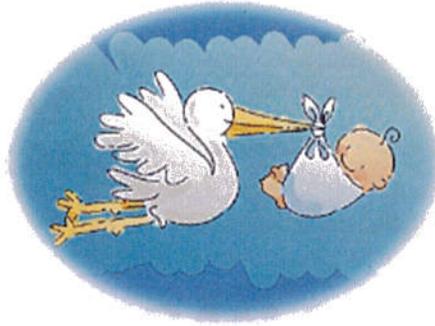
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e-mail: pseymour@leg.state.vt.us



2020 BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Child</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Parent</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>Clarence</i>	<i>Daisy Skinner-Steele</i>	<i>Jacob Daniels</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Colton</i>	<i>Sarah Carriere (Wilson)</i>	<i>Peter Carriere</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Wesley</i>	<i>Sarah Harran</i>	<i>Aaron Fuller</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Jude</i>	<i>Georgia Gould</i>	<i>David LaBarr</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Fiona</i>	<i>Kelsi Before</i>	<i>Shane MacDougall</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Isla</i>	<i>Paige Rickett</i>	<i>Ryan Connor</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Brynne</i>	<i>Paige Rickett</i>	<i>Ryan Connor</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Hunter</i>	<i>Anesha Wilkie-Johnson</i>	<i>Joseph Renaudette</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Wilder</i>	<i>Abigail Long</i>	<i>Brandon Mapes</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Ezra</i>	<i>Ashley Nicholas</i>	<i>Kyle Peterson</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Adalynn</i>	<i>Hannah Wagner</i>	<i>Joseph Burrill</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Bonnie</i>	<i>Sorrel Watson</i>	<i>John Hutchins</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Aiden</i>	<i>Jessica Abiles</i>	<i>Peter Abiles</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Peighton</i>	<i>Meagan McDowell</i>	<i>Dilyn Switser</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Julia</i>	<i>Maria Parr</i>	<i>Lance Newland</i>





2020 MARRIAGES

May	Christine James	Guy Herman
June	Cecilia O'Flaherty	Lily Baker
July	Shirley Reed	David Greeley
July	Meghan Welch	Dana Ostberg
July	Megan Osmer	Gregory Mackay
July	Brittany Newland	Jeremiah Hamel
August	Amanda Newland	Courtney Caputo
August	Hanna White	Ross Marino
September	Catherine Atkinson	Edward Snyder JR
September	Amanda Pollard	Joshua Willey
September	Hannah Lister	Stephen Johnson
October	Briana Jaworski	Andrew Voorhees
October	Sharon Mallett	Jeffrey Todd
November	Nichole St.Francis	Connor Mello





2020 DEATHS

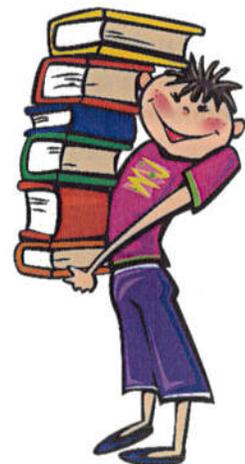
January	William Bassett	69	West Burke
January	Lorraine Hackett	83	West Burke
March	Arlene Davis	87	East Burke
May	Dwight Davis	87	East Burke
May	Richard Williams	80	West Burke
May	Paul Harpin	52	West Burke
July	John Hayes	64	East Burke
July	Shirley Temple	90	East Burke
August	Philip Barrett	43	East Burke
August	Phyllis Usher	55	East Burke
August	Kevin Deth	41	West Burke
September	Beverly Gess	80	West Burke



We try hard not to miss anyone; however, if someone dies out of state, we are not notified of the death.



*KINGDOM EAST
UNIFIED UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT*



Kingdom East School Superintendent Report



Dear Residents of Burke,

Nobody could have foreseen the resilience, ingenuity, creativity, perseverance and dedication needed from our families, children, educators and communities during this past year. The COVID-19 pandemic has turned parts of our world upside down. With each new day we have faced uncertainty and challenge, putting one foot in front of the other and helping our neighbors.

With the closure of in person schooling last spring our families and schools adapted as best as they could. We learned on-line platforms, where WIFI service was strongest and how much screen time is simply too much. When the 2020-21 school year began in September, some students opted to return to in person schools, while others chose our 100% virtual academy or to homeschool.

In our annual report you will see photos of children smiling and learning, with adaptations -- social distancing and facemasks. Despite this different year, we have seen children growing in their reading, writing, computing, science and the arts. We continue to provide opportunities. Our students, in addition to the normal core content areas, have participated in community projects, personalized learning, athletics, world languages, technology and afterschool programming.

Burke Town School is part of the Kingdom East School District. Please take a moment to look through the Kingdom East Annual Report, available at the Town Clerk's office, the Burke Town School, at www.kingdomeast.org, and on our Facebook page. Our District includes eight preK-8 school programs, covering eight towns (Burke, Concord, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock), a Virtual Academy, and choice for high school. The Annual Report highlights our many programs, data about our schools and the budget for the 2021-22 School Year.

This fall the budgeting process has been challenging with forces impacting our budget beyond our control. Required statewide insurance changes including higher premiums, and a greater number of high school students moving into our district created large increases. The Board worked to make reductions and present a budget that does not compromise the quality education we deliver.

It is a considerable honor to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for Kingdom East School District. Given the uncertainty our communities continue to care deeply about public education and our children. This support is essential in continuing the strength of our schools and community. I look forward to continuing to work with Burke. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if you have any questions. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you!



Sincerely,

Jennifer Botzjorns
Superintendent of Schools



Burke Town School

Megan Jones, Principal



I am honored to be serving as Burke's new principal, to have been welcomed into your community, and to be given the opportunity to lead your children's learning. I have loved getting to know all of the students at Burke, as well as their families and the surrounding school community. It has certainly been an unprecedented school year, but there is really no place I'd rather be!

The Burke Town School serves children and their families in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The school population has held steady at around 200 students for the past decade. Due to a commitment to high quality instruction, social emotional learning, personalization, positive school climate, and community engagement, Burke Town School continues to attract families to the community and the school.

School choice exists in Kingdom East School District (KESD) and many surrounding districts also offer school choice for their students. Burke Town School attracts many students as a choice school, but the reality is that we are at capacity in many of our classes. In many instances we have had to turn away choice students due to these capacity restrictions. This results in the school and district missing out on potential tuition revenue. Burke Town School continues to require expansion, renovation, and updating in order to meet the needs of our students, families, and community. These much needed updates would not only allow us the capacity to accept more students, but provide more opportunities



for our current students and wider community.

Our outdated facilities are not adequate to meet the needs of 21st Century learning, but the staff at Burke Town School is among the best. Teachers and staff

members consistently work hard and collaborate to provide high quality instruction across the board. Burke continues to be a leader in personalized learning, community engagement, student voice and choice, and positive school climate. This is reflected in state assessments where Burke Town School students' results generally surpass the state average.

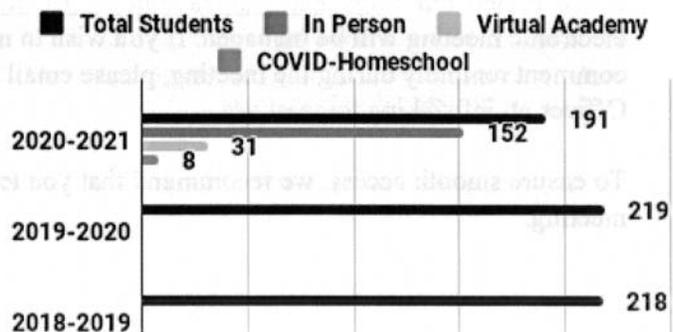


I have worked with the KESD administrative team to present a budget that meets our anticipated needs for the coming school year. A portion of our facilities reserve has been earmarked for some essential projects around the school grounds; our student population continues to be consistent. Our need for major campus improvements remains, and I am hopeful that this can be prioritized in the coming years. I am hopeful that the Burke community will continue to be supportive of these needs, and participate in upcoming meetings and budget votes.

To wrap up, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the entire Burke community for the warm welcome and support I have received as your new principal. During this school year, the support of families and the community has been indispensable.

Grades: PreK-8
Classroom Teachers: 12
Special Educators: 3
Support Staff: 10.6
Students PreK-8: 152

Enrollment Trends (As of 10/1/2020)



**2021 WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
KINGDOM EAST UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Notice to Voters:

Residents of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District (the “District”), comprising the voters of the Towns of Burke, Concord, Lyndon, Lunenburg, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock, who are not already on the voter checklist, may register to vote up to and including the date of the vote, March 2, 2021.

For Australian Ballot issues, registered voters may apply for an early voter ballot at the Town Clerk’s Office of their resident town during the office’s regularly scheduled hours. (See Warning Addendum)

Warning Notice:

The Legal Voters of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District (the “District”), comprising the voters of the Towns of Burke, Concord, Lyndon, Lunenburg, Newark, Sheffield, Sutton, and Wheelock are hereby notified and warned to meet Via ZOOM (Meeting ID : 051978) on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. to hold the Kingdom East Unified Union School District Informational Meeting on Articles One (1) through Article Twelve (12). Voting for Articles one (1) through Article Eleven (11) will be by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at the following voting locations and times

Burke , Burke Community Building, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Newark , Newark Town Offices, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Concord , Concord Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Sheffield , Sheffield Town Offices, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Lunenburg , Lunenburg Town Office, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Sutton , Sutton Town Offices, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Lyndon , Lyndonville Municipal Building, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Wheelock , Wheelock Town Hall, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Information on how to access the remote meeting:

- By telephone: Dial **1-929-205-6099**. When prompted enter the meeting ID: **051978**
- By computer: Download meeting software here: zoom.us/download. Join the meeting by visiting <http://www.zoom.us/join>. You may be prompted to enter a meeting ID: **051978**
- By smartphone, tablet, or other device: Download and open the **ZOOM Cloud Meetings** app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID: **051978**.

Please review our "[Informational Handout for Remote Public Meetings](#)" to understand how these electronic meeting will be managed. If you wish to make a public comment but do not have the ability to comment remotely during the meeting, please email your comment(s) to the Kingdom East District Offices at info@kingdomeast.org.

To ensure smooth access, we recommend that you test your remote meeting software in advance of the meeting.

**2021 WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
KINGDOM EAST UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Continued

Article 1: To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification for one year or until the election and qualification of their successors. (Australian Ballot)

- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

Article 2: To approve compensation, to be paid to District Officers. (Australian Ballot)

- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

Article 3: To elect seven (7) school directors from the nominees to serve on the Kingdom East Unified Union School District Board. (Australian Ballot)

- One (1) school director who is a resident of Concord for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lunenburg for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Lyndon for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Newark for a two-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Sutton for a three-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Sutton for a one-year term.
- One (1) school director who is a resident of Wheelock for a three-year term.

Article 4: Shall the voters of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District approve the Board of School Directors to expend \$35,568,494, which is the amount the Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,933 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.41% higher than spending for the current year. (Australian Ballot)

Article 5: Shall the voters of the district authorize and empower the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of receipts and to give a note or notes in the name of the District to secure payment thereof? (Australian Ballot)

Article 6: Shall the voters of Kingdom East Unified Union School District authorize the School Board to establish a KESD Technology Reserve Fund on or before June 1, 2021, and authorize the district to deposit funds from the sale of outdated computers as they are replaced? (Australian Ballot)

**2021 WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
KINGDOM EAST UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Continued

Article 7: Shall the voters of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District authorize the School Board to transfer two thirds 66.66% of surplus funds in the school year ending June 30, 2021, if any, to the KESD Educational Facilities Reserve Fund? (Australian Ballot)

Article 8: Shall the voters of Kingdom East Unified Union School District authorize the School Board to establish a KESD Tax Stabilization Fund on or before June 1, 2021? (Australian Ballot)

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District authorize the School Board to transfer one third 33.33% of surplus funds in the school year ending June 30, 2021, if any, to the KESD Tax Stabilization Fund? (Australian Ballot)

Article 10: Shall the voters of the Kingdom East Unified Union School District authorize the School Board to transfer \$250,000 from the KESD Educational Facilities Reserve Fund to be used as general fund revenue in the FY22 budget to decrease local taxes; transferring funds July 1, 2021? (Australian Ballot)

Article 11: Shall the voters of the district authorize the Board of School Directors to accept and expend such grant monies as may from time to time become available to the school district? (Australian Ballot)

Article 12: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

Dated this 27 day of January, 2021.



Cynthia Stuart
Chair, Kingdom East Unified Union School District, Board of School Directors

**WARNING ADDENDUM
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
KINGDOM EAST UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 1, 2021 at 5:00p.m.

Town Clerk Office Hours by Town

Burke	Monday-Friday	8:00am-4:00pm
Concord	Mon, Tues, Thurs	8:00am-4:00pm
Lunenburg	Monday-Thursday	8:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm
	Friday	8:00am-12:00pm
Lyndon	Monday-Friday	7:30am-12:30pm
Newark	Tues, Wed, Thurs	8:00am-3:00pm
Sutton	Monday-Thursday	7:30am-4:00pm
Sheffield	Monday, Friday	9:00am-3:00pm
	Wednesday	9:00am-6:00pm
Wheelock	Tuesday	12:30pm-5:30pm
	Wednesday, Thursday	9:00am-2:30pm

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT FOR REMOTE MEETINGS

Remote Public Informational meeting

The public informational meeting will be conducted remotely via electronic means. The public will also be able to access and participate in the remote meeting by dialing in through telephone.

Accessing the meeting

Please refer to the meeting notice and agenda for information on how to access the remote meeting. Please note that whether you join by telephone, computer, or device, you may be put on hold or in a waiting "room" until granted access to the meeting. You also may be muted or restricted from using any chat function until the public comment portion of the meeting.

Participation

The Kingdom East School Board of Directors will follow its agenda and allow public attendees to participate through voice (audio) means where feasible or alternatively using any chat function during the designated public comment periods on the agenda and at other applicable times as needed.

Initially, the meeting host/organizer will mute all participants. This is necessary to control background noise. The host/organizer will then unmute participants or allow participants to unmute themselves when invited to speak by the Schoolboard Chair.

Please review the following guidelines:

- The Chair will invite comment:
 - during the time designated on the agenda for public comment;
 - during any open public comment period, if applicable; and
 - other times as determined by the Chair.

- When a participant/attendee is unmuted, they must state their name before commenting.

When the Board of Directors adjourn the meeting, the host/organizer will end the electronic meeting by turning off/closing the remote meeting software. Attendees will be automatically disconnected.

Minutes and other public records that were part of the meeting will be made available in accordance with VT's Open Meeting and Public Records Laws.

To learn more about Remote Public meetings and the Open Meeting Law, please visit the Secretary of State's Municipal Assistance webpage at

<https://sos.vermont.gov/municipal-division/laws-resources/covid-19-response/>.

RD #	Road Name	Location	Class	Miles	Speed
#1	Newark Street	VT Route 5A to the Newark Town Line	2	2.38	35/40
#2	Burke Hollow Road	VT Route 5A to the Route 114	2	4.95	35/40
#3	Calendar Brook Road	VT Route 5 to the Sutton Town Line	2	1.4	
#4	Burke Hill Road	Depot Street (TH #36) to Sutton Town Line	2	1.24	30
#5	Victory Road	VT Route 114 to Victory Town Line	2	3.41	
#6	East Darling Hill Road	Darling Hill Road (TH #46) to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	2	1.1	30
#7	Mountain Road	VT Route 114 to the Toll Road	2	1.95	30/40
#8	Kirby Road	Mountain Road (TH #7) to Kirby Town Line	2	1.03	35
#9	Sugar House Road	Newark Street (TH #1) to Sutton Town Line	3	1.67	
#10	Old County Road	Off Sugar House Road (Untraveled)	4	0.3	
#11	Old County Road	Off Newark Street ending in woods (Untraveled)	Trail	0.5	
#12	Old County Road	Off Sugar House Road ending in woods (Untraveled)	4	0.1	
#13	Brook Road	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Newark Town Line	3	2.82	30
#14	Carter Road	Brook Road (TH # 13) to Burke Green Road (TH #15)	3	0.95	
#15	Burke Green Road	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Newark Town Line	3	2.9	35
#16	Rice Road	Burke Green Road (TH 15) to Newark Town Line	3	0.2	
#17	Carter Road	Brook Road (TH # 13) to Marshall Newland Road (TH #19)	3	1.25	
#18	Walter Road	Carter Road (TH #17) to East Haven Town Line	3	0.5	
#19	Marshall Newland Road	White School Road (TH # 39) to VT Route 114	3	1.98	30
#20	An Old County Road	VT 114 to Marshall Newland Road (TH #19) (Untraveled)	4	0.32	
#21	An Old County Road	Victory Road (TH #5) to Portland Pipeline (Untraveled)	4	0.06	
#22	Flower Brook Road	Victory Road (TH #5) to end of no where	3	0.65	
#23	An Old County Road	Victory Road (TH #5) to end of Darling State Forest (Untraveled)	4	0.62	
#24	An Old County Road	Victory Road (TH #5) to end of no where (Untraveled)	4	0.55	
#25	An Old County Road	Victory Road (TH #5) to end of no where (Untraveled)	4	0.3	
#26	Old Farm Road	Newark Street (TH #1) to Sugar House Road (TH#29)	3	0.65	
#27	An Old County Road	Sugar House Road (#29) to end of no where	4	0.25	
#28	McDowell Road	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Farm House and Barn	3	0.08	
#29	Sugar House Road	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to Newark Street (TH #1)	3	2.24	30/35
#30	North Ridge Road	VT Route 5A to Sutton Town Line	2	0.07	
#31	Hayden Crossing Road	VT 5 to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	2	0.31	
#32	School Street	Burke Hollow Road (TH #2) to VT Route 5A	3	0.43	25
#33	Bridge Street	School Street (TH #32) to VT Route 5A	3	0.1	
#34	Church Street	VT Route 5A to VT Route 5	2	0.2	
#35	High Street	VT Route 5 to Depot Street (TH #36)	3	0.13	
#36	Depot Street	VT Route 5 to VT Route 5	2	0.16	
#37	An Old County Road	VT Route 5 to Burke Hill Road (TH #4)	2	0.79	
#38	Gator Alley	Burke Hollow Road (TH # 2) to Burke Green Road (TH #15)	4	0.4	
#39	White School Road	VT Route 114 to Burke Green Road (TH #15)	3	1.43	30
#40	Old County Road	White School Road (TH # 39) to Marshall Newland Road	4	0.02	35
#41	Pinkham Road	Mountain Road (TH#7) to VT Route 114	3	3.38	35
#42	Gaskell Hill Road	Burke Hill Road (TH #4) to VT Route 5	3	1.85	
#43	Crosscut Road	Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42) to Calendar Brook Road (TH #3)	3	1.1	
#44	Bugbee Crossing Road	VT Route 5 to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	3	1.71	35
#45	Bumps Road	Bugbee Crossing Road (TH #44) to West Darling Hill Rd (TH #58)	3	0.55	
#46	Darling Hill Road	East Darling Road TH #6) to Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	3	1.7	30

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#47	An Old County Road	Darling Hill Road (TH # 46) to West Darling Hill Road (TH #58) (UT)	4	0.4	
#48	Maple Lane	Kirby Road (TH # 8) to Lyndon Town Line	3	0.52	35
#49	Legacy Lane	Kirby Road (TH # 8) to end	3	0.2	
#50	Dashney Road	Mountain Road (TH#7) to end	3	0.83	
#51	Alpine Lane	Mountain Road (TH #7) to end .03 class 4 Road	3	0.35	
#52	Belden Hill Road	VT Route 114 to Maple Lane (TH #48)	4	0.14	
#53	Post Office Road	VT Route 5A to Church Street	3	0.05	
#54	Chase Hill Road	School Street (TH #32) to end	PVT	0.15	
#56	Worden Road	VT Route 114 to end	3	0.15	
#57	An Old County Road	Alpine Lane (TH #51) to end	4	0.03	
#58	West Darling Hill Road	Bugbee Crossing Road (TH #44) to Darling Hill Road (TH #56)	3	1.47	
#59	Smith Hill Road	VT Route 114 to end	3	0.14	
#60	Rexford Road	Pinkham Road (TH #41) to end	3	0.15	
#61	Orchard Road	Rexford Road (TH #60) to end at Caldesuc	3	0.35	
#62	Dishmkill Road	Mountain Road (TH #7) to Orchard Road (TH # 61)	3	0.09	
#63	Washburn Road	Pinkham Road (TH # 41) to end	3	1.05	
#64	Joanne Drive	Washburn Road To End	3	0.15	
	STATE ROADS				
	VT Route 5				
	VT Route 5A				
	VT Route 114				
	PRIVATE ROADS				
			PVT		
	A-Frame Drive	Off SugarHouse Road (TH #29)	PVT		
	Apple Tree Lane	Off Burke Green	PVT		
	Armstrong Road	Off Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42)	PVT		
	Bear Path Lane	Off High Meadow Road	PVT		
	Before Auto Drive	Off VT Route 5	PVT		
	Bow Hill	Off High Meadow Road	PVT		
	Burkeland Lane	Off Church Street (TH #34)	PVT		
	Burkeside Road	Off the Sherburne Lodge Road	PVT		
	Cabin Place	Off VT Route 114	PVT		
	Camp Road	Off Flower Brook Road which is off the Victory Road (TH #5)	PVT		
	Carr Drive	Off VT Route 114	PVT		
	Chapman Drive	Off SugarHouse Road (TH #9)	PVT		
	Cottage Lane	Off VT Route 5	PVT		
	Deer Run Lane	Off West Darling Hill Road (TH#6)	PVT		
	Devon Road	Off Calendar Brook Road (TH #3)	PVT		
	Dixi Drive	Off East Darling Hill Road (TH#46)	PVT		
	Evergreen Lane	Off Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42)	PVT		
	Garden Drive	Off East Darling Hill Road (TH#46)	PVT		
	Glenwood Estates	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	PVT		

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	Herb Hill	Off East Darling Hill Road (TH#46)	PVT		
	High Meadow Road	Off Sherburne Lodge Road which is off the Mountain Road (TH #7)	PVT		
	High Ridge Road	Off SugarHouse Road (TH #29)	PVT		
	Hoffecker Hill	Off School Street (TH #32) to end	PVT		
	Joanne Drive	Off Washburn Road (TH # 64)	PVT		
	Lilac Lodge Lane	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	PVT		
	McQuade Lane	Off Bugbee Crossing Road (TH # 44)	PVT		
	Mill Road	Off Depot Street (TH #36) Into Sutton	PVT		
	Mitchell Drive	Off Calendar Brook Road (TH #3)	PVT		
	Monash Road	Off Carr Road from VT Route 114	PVT		
	Mt Brook Road	Off Alpine Lane (TH #51)	PVT		
	Powderhorn Road	Off Sherburne Lodge Road off Mountain Road (TH #7)	PVT		
	Roundy Brooke Road	Off Bugbee Crossing Road (TH # 44)	PVT		
	Sherburne Lodge Road	Off the Mountain Road (TH #7)	PVT		
	Slippery Hill	Off Brook Road (TH #13)	PVT		
	Sugar Maple Lane	Off SugarHouse Road (TH #9)	PVT		
	Sweetwater Lane	Off Burke Hollow Road (TH #2)	PVT		
	Tamarack Road	Off the Victory Road (TH #5)	PVT		
	Tardif Drive	Off Gaskell Hill Road (TH #42)	PVT		
	Toll Road	Off Burke Mountain Road (TH # 7)	PVT		
	Town Garage Road	Off School Street (TH #32)	PVT		
	Wafer Lane	Off East Darling Hill Road (TH #46)	PVT		
	Walker Road	Off Kirby Road (TH # 8)	PVT		
	Wintergreen Road	Off High Meadow Road	PVT		
	Winters Way	Off Alpine Lane (TH #51)	PVT		
	Woods Trail	Off Mountain Road	PVT		

